

Mint N. Foster
Philad^a - Jan'y 26. 1838

Miss Mary Elletts

Gentle, We want for
the use of the mint an additional number
of floor grating castings - The floor to be
covered by this grating measures 20 feet by
30 feet. Please inform me how soon
you can make them.

Respectfully yours

Geo N Schast
Director

Treasury Department
Jan. 24. 1852.

Sir

In your report dated August 14th last you refer to a previous communication in relation to the refining operations of Mr. McCulloch by his Zinc method.

If such a report was duly received at the Department, it has been marked and will therefore be the favor of you to furnish a copy of it.

I am very Resp^l

W. H. Clegg

Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

P. G. W. Lusk
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Washington 26 Jan 1833

My dear Sir

The President suggests
whether the Board of Missions
should not be on the same
agreement as those of their respective
Principals but any rate greater
than those of the clerks seeing the
much greater responsibility that
rests upon them.

What is the present compen-
sation of the above parties.

The appointments in the
Commissions & a pay will be
made this week.

Very truly
Wm. L. Gage

Wm. L. Gage

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800

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Treasury Department
January 24th 1853

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th ult^o relative to the issue of ingots of refined gold with the accompanying disk in silver of the proposed issue and in reply would make the suggestion for your consideration whether it would not be more convenient for the intended purpose if the ingot was issued of the exact value of one thousand dollars instead of the specific weight of 50 ounces.

This suggestion is merely made for your consideration but if you see any objection you can proceed with all due dispatch to carry out the mode suggested in your letter which is approved by the Department as well as the form of the circular you propose to issue. The silver disk is returned by this mail.

Very Respectfully
Wm. C. Coker Esq
Director of the Mint
Phil^a

Very Respectfully
Wm. C. Coker
Act Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 27 Jan 1853.

Sir,

In reply to a letter & correspondence which I had the honor to enclose on the 28th of November last, I was informed by the Department, in a communication of the succeeding day that the course of the Mint in paying in gold coins for the value parted from gold bullion was approved.

After the arguments already presented by me in justification of the course thus approved, and which were conclusive to my own mind as they were, it appears, satisfactory to the Department, you will no doubt be surprised at my again referring to this subject, and particularly since my object in so doing is to request a reconsideration of your decision, influenced ~~now~~ perhaps by the opinions which I had myself presented.

In fact, upon a further consideration of this subject, and on inquiry into former usages of the Mint, I am satisfied that we are in paying for separated metal in coins similar to the apparent species of bullion deposited. The whole argument in favor of such a course you have already before you, and also some of the arguments against it, in the letters of Mr. Tilden, of the Phoenix Bank, New York. Without, therefore, pretending to go over the whole ground I will merely present two points for your consideration.

1. I find, upon inquiry, that anterior to July 1, 1849, it was the custom to issue separate warrants for parted metal, and to pay the depositor in coins of the metal thus parted. President Fox's is against the construction we now place

upon the law. On arranging ^{at the time of the} a new form of accounts, and
book entries made necessary by the increasing receipts
from California, the preparation of a separate warrant for
parted metal was discontinued with (by authority from the
Department) and as the total aggregate yield of the de-
posits was paid in one amount, and no preference of
one coin over another was expressed, the convenience of
all parties was subserved by confining the payment of
silver deposits altogether to gold coins, and of gold
deposits to silver coins. It does not, therefore, appear
to be ^{now} accepted as a rule of right but as one of convenience,
and as it is inconvenient to depositors to be now paid alto-
gether in one coin, they may very properly ask a return to
their ancient privilege.

5. If we pay for silver parted in gold coins only, we must
be consistent and pay for gold parted from silver in silver
coins. It would be easy, under such a usage, for bullion
owners to melt a small quantity of gold with silver, and re-
ceiving the whole payment in silver coins make or great-
profit by selling such coins at a premium, and finally (if
the operation were continued long enough) to inflict upon
the government expense in the purchase of silver to meet such
payments. For example 200 of gold parted over \$4000 of mixture
with 800 of silver (worth over \$1000) would appear silver, and be
paid for as silver deposited. If paid for in \$5000 silver coins,
the depositor would gain (from the third) a premium in \$4000 of
silver, say \$160. (The 2nd operation could be carried to an in-
finite number of steps. — It will therefore, that you will approve
of any payment, parted, parted in coin of the same species.
Very respectfully,
Wm W. Belmont

my dear son

I will attend promptly
to your unnumbered letters &
the very suggests the idea
of the high land \$1000, but leaves
it to your suggest description

It has also been suggested
that the surface should be
figured like the back of a wheel
with milled edges - I think
not objectionable as the present the
surface is a very high chance
of wearing or peeling off in the
height - a milled edge would
bear without allowing considerable
pleasure the sharp angles of the
milling - think not however
- even if depositors do not
require these milled edges
and be well to make them
in the best of ways will soon find
them very well vaults of the banks
for dead capital or for investment
The only question I have
is whether to make them
of 30 annies or of 500 each & that

is left entirely in the year
my dear
W. H. W. W.

Washington 24 Aug

G. W. Eckert Esq

August 25th 1855

Enclosed we hand you a check for
Two Hundred Dollars, for which you
will please forward by Express to us:

\$90. in 3 Bags of 3 cents pieces
and to Messrs. Bratenahl Bros in Cleveland.

\$20. in 2 Bags of 3 cents pieces

\$50. in 1 Bag of 1 cent pieces

Should the latter be put up in \$100 bags
only, we wish you would send no copper
at all then, but \$90. in 3 bags of 3 cents for
Cleveland, and return to us for the
Balance of \$20. a check or in bills,
as it suits you best.

Very Respectfully
Saml. B. Lunt

A. H. Bratenahl &

Dear Sir 27/

J. C. Datto Esq
Treasurer of the United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Committee of the United States,

Philadelphia 17 Jan. 1853.

Gentl,

I have received, and carefully considered, your letter of the 12th inst. relative to the proportion of acid to be furnished by yourself & Messrs. Denney, to the Society. It would, I assure you, be very gratifying to me if I could bring my mind to conformity with your wishes. But after due reflection I am of opinion that justice requires me to persist in the course which I have already indicated to you.

The circumstances are briefly these. On the 1st Decr. 1851, I stated that it was my intention to divide the supply of acid furnished to the Unit. Branches equally between yourself & Messrs. Denney, with the exception of a portion to be procured of Mr. Crocker. You both assented to this arrangement, and information was accordingly given by me to the Unit. Reporter of that fact. I supposed that the report would be only regulated to show your two shares; but in point of fact it appears that there was furnished, during the year ending 30 Nov. 1852, by yourselves, and to the amount of \$47,855.03, viz. nitric acid \$43,674.81, sulphuric \$4,254.62. By Messrs. Denney, the supply to the Unit Branch Societies was \$28,644.63.

It thus appears that the understanding was not carried out, but that an excess was furnished by you of \$19,210.40. This was assigned (as you over-roughly infer) to account for the fact of supplying any quantity on your side. It was, I think, I am, & nevertheless, to abstain from

simply enquiring as to the ratio of supply to your house -
the other. If you had done so, a very superficial exam-
ination would have shown the monstrous disproportion.
I blame myself just as much for oversight in this
matter; although I perhaps, might to have asked satis-
fying that the orders from the refining department could
not possibly have been so unequal. But, dismissing
these vain speculations as to what should have been
done, the plain fact is that Messrs. Loring were en-
titled to have supplied a certain portion of said sugar
the year in question; that you were entitled to furnish
a like proportion, and no more; that you did in fact
furnish a very great excess. In these circumstances I
am called to make a new contract. Is it not the most
imperative requirement of justice that I should com-
pensate to Messrs. Loring the loss of profit which they sus-
tained last year? I do not see how there can be any
argument upon the question. That you will sustain in-
conveniences by my so doing I do not doubt; but, on the
other hand, should I fail to furnish such a course, Messrs.
Loring, perfectly innocent parties, would have un-
justly done them, in violation of an express contract.
Between such alternatives I can have no hesitation in
my choice.

I have been anxiously enquiring what you would come
an understanding gradually, with Messrs. Loring, by which
they should be relieved of my disagreeable duty in this matter.
But I do not feel myself called upon to indicate what
should be the proper course of arrangement with them.

view. I do not think, however, I could have stated
in any interview with Mr. Davis that an offer to Messrs.
Denny of $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of the profit on the crops of said year
would meet my approval. The just basis
of arrangement would rather be to offer Messrs.
Denny the whole ^{net} profit they lost by having been de-
prived of furnishing their full supply. $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of your
profit was equal to the whole of theirs would have been
an unexceptionable offer; if any thing less than that, I
do not consider that it would be.

I could not have you overlook the fact that the
crops of supply furnished by you last year was, perhaps,
far excelled in proportion during the year preceding; mes-
srs. Denny gained no advantage by it in the arrange-
ments subsequently made. But in the present year he
has a clear claim to compensation.

The case of Mr. Davis will be examined into, and
any crops of supply beyond his contract. Has been
furnished it will be corrected.

I shall postpone the restriction on your rate of pay-
ment for one week longer, in the hope that you will
then be enabled to come to some understanding with
us, thus relieving the question of all difficulty.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.

G. N. Eckert

Director.

Wm. Davis & Co.
Philad.

Philada 22^d January 1833

G. N. Eckert Esq

Director Mint U.S. New York

Your favor of 17th inst came duly to hand, contents all noted, and general tenor of same very satisfactory.

Since that time we have acceded to a second proposition made by Messrs Leming & Co. which will enable us to adjust the Acid apt between ourselves. This being the case we will only briefly reply to one or two points of your letter.

In relation to our duty to look into the relative supplies of the two houses last year, we will merely say that we should have felt considerable delicacy in so doing. Moreover, we were under the impression that our neighbors were supplying a large quantity to the Branch Mints.

If you will refer to the second paragraph of our letter of 12th inst. we think it will not convey the idea of an assertion, that the offer mentioned would meet your approval. We merely said that we supposed it would. In the conversation which the writer had the pleasure of having with you 24th ult. and to which we referred, you said that

you thought we were entitled to some of the profit on
the excess of acid furnished by us last year, and
we cannot agree with you as to the propriety of our
paying Messrs. Linney the whole profit on that excess,
for the simple reason that in our extra efforts to
supply the Markt, we neglected some business which
we have no doubt fell into their hands. However, we
trust that these matters are no longer of importance;
and Messrs. Linney themselves will no doubt be able
to compare notes and keep the matter straight during
the coming year.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully Yours

James Wrightson

The City Bank,

Chicago, Ill., March 21st 1853

E C Dale Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find our check
on Metropolitan Bank N.Y. for \$310 - for which
please send us three cent pieces at your earliest
convenience. We sent you our draft for Sixty
dollars on the 28th Dec last with request to send three
cent-pieces for it to A. J. P. of this city - but have
heard nothing from it since.

Yours Very Respt.

W D Bradley

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Dear Sir

New York February 1. 1853.

Sir,
For the enclosed Check of Five Hundred
Dollars, please forward 3 Cent stamps. & Obly
Yours Obly
Wm. Lloyd,
433 Grand St.

J. E. C. Dale, Esq.
Treasurer.

587 Wana B.W.
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Minist of the United States
Philadelphia 27 Jan. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 24th in relation to the proposed issue of an ingot or disk of refined gold from the Mint.

The suggestion of the Department, that the issue should be of the value of exactly One thousand dollars, I had already read under consideration; but the difficulties which present themselves appeared to me insuperable, at least without legislation.

The law, in defining what gold is equivalent to a dollar, prescribes certain proportions, viz. 9 parts gold, one part alloy, which the silver must not exceed one half. But if the gold is in any different proportions we are not, as I think, entitled to say what it is worth. Suppose we made the disk to weigh 83.48375^{at 990 fine}; this would contain the same amount of pure gold as \$1000 in coin, and it might be ~~say~~ inferred that such a value could be properly & legally stamped upon it. Should this be done, however, and the gold be subsequently returned to the Mint for coinage, it would be necessary for us to alloy it with copper down to 900 fine, and to this end we have a right, I am bound, to charge the depositor with the expense of the copper so used; so that, in point of fact, his gold is not worth at the Mint \$1000. by reason of the charges imposed upon it. Inasmuch, however, as the cost of copper is after all but a small item, it might be borne by the Mint, and the difficulty thus arising avoided. But, although by pres-

and regulating the cost of copper for alloy furnishes
the only item legally impossible in the return for coinage.
Such disks we must look at other contingencies. It
is not only possible but probable, I think, that the
cost of manufacturing coin will, at some future time,
be made a subject of charge. In such a case would
not the owner of a disk which by government authori-
zation is stated to be worth have just reason to com-
plain if he did not receive the full sum, but was
subjected to the imposition of a charge of say half per
cent thereupon.

To obviate all such difficulties, I thought it best
and I still retain that opinion) to abstain from any
disk stamp except of fineness & weight. The bullion
dealers for whom principally they would be of use, could
readily estimate the probable value for themselves. Indeed
I suppose that value will be fluctuating, dependent
on the demands of the market.

I contemplate the preparation of a model, &
will consider the propriety of the additional ornaments
which have been suggested.

Very respectfully
Yours at St. Louis
Wm N. Edwards
Director

Wm. A. Brown
Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States
Philad: 27 Jan 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of yesterday.

You state that the President suggests that the fees of Messrs Taylor & Mason should be of the same amount as those of their respective principals. It strikes me the amount is excessive, and may put the parties to some difficulty, as their acquaintance is not among the wealthy. I still think that the amount given by the clerk is sufficient, and do not see that any greater responsibility is imposed upon the assistants than the clerk. The clerk who receives all the bullion, and he who pays all the coin cannot be said to have less responsibility than assistants who supervise its manufacture by workmen, and as to the assistant assayer he has no bullion in his custody, except a few assay coins.

The compensation of the gentlemen referred to (and of Mr. Hall, whose appointment of assistant Coiner I hope will not be overlooked) has been, until the commencement of this year \$2. per diem. Since the 1st Jan'y I have raised their wages to \$2.50. — Very respectfully

Yours, &c.
J. M. Conner
of the Treasury

C. W. Eckert.
Director

Beaumont Department
31 January 1883

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of
your letter of 27th inst. relative
to the issue of gold ingots &
state in reply that the Department
concur in your views on the
subject.

Very respectfully,
W. H. H. H.
at the office

Geo. McKee & Co.
Quincy, Ill.
Philad.

Treasury Department
31 Jan 4 1880

Sir

In reply to your letter of 27th
relative to the payment in
gold coin for the silver extracted
from old bullion I would state
that the Department will suspend
action on the subject until
it ascertains what charges
may be respecting a new issue
of silver coinage during the present
period

Very respectfully,

W. S. Hoag

Assistant Secretary

Geo. McKee & Co.
Quakers of the Mint
Philad^a

Custom House
Collector's Office
Tampa 2nd February 1853

Sir I have received for Remitted Alabama
from New York Bro. Dagg containing Nine hundred
& twenty Dollars in three cent pieces as advised
in your letter 26th Aug last, and herewith enclose
a receipt as requested.

Very Respectfully
Yours Chas. L. L.

E. C. Dale Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm Postels
Jy Wole

Collector's Office
Tampa 2nd Feb'y 1853

\$920.⁰⁰ Received from E. C. Dale Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia Nine hundred & twenty Dollars
(\$920.) in three cent coins.

Wm Postels
Jy Wole

Bank of Orleans
Attn: Orleans Co, N.Y.
Feb 3 1853.

O. C. Dale Esq
New York

Will you do me
the favor of forwarding to
my address the value of
the enclosed draft (p. 200)
in three cent pieces
and oblige

Yours respectfully

Alfred D. King
Cashier
Mercantile Bk
N.Y.
Post City 57

Bank of Binghamton
Feb 25 1853.

E. C. Dale Esq.
Treasurer.

Dear Sir.

Please send me as
soon as convenient 3 cent pieces for
the enclosed amt on New York N.Y.
\$100.00

Yours respectfully.
Wm R. Estlin Cash

Direct

Bank of Binghamton
Binghamton N.Y.

We suppose you will send by Express -
charges paid

#178-

Sent Feb 4

My Sir.

If you think there is nothing in the enclosed letter objectionable, or that would prejudice our claim, you might enclose it to the Solicitor of the Treasury, and merely add a line below it - saying that the above has just been sent me & I have no hesitation in attesting the fact that the Messrs. Sallade were employed by the Mint here, & that it was mainly owing to their services in connection with Mr. Ashmun that the offender has been brought to justice, or whatever else you may wish to say upon the subject.

The letter I just gave you - contains a brief narration of the case - nature of services rendered in which letter I presume you sent to Washington - You might refer the Solicitor to the Report, whither it was sent.

Respectfully,
Yours,

And. M. Sallade

Reading July. 2. 1853.

Dr. G. N. Eckert.

Excuse me for again troubling you, in relation to the claim presented by my Brother Self agst the U. S. Govt, for serv. rend. in procuring the arrest &c of Saml. Klepp, I have hoped that Mr. Ashmeads letter to the proper department at Washington, would settle the matter, inasmuch as he is fully acquainted with the nature of our claim & services & the circumstances connected therewith.

I was referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury at Washington, who wishes a letter from you, simply stating the fact, that we were employed by the Officers of the Mint at Phil^a How should we ever have known any thing of the case, if we had not been so employed? You will therefore oblige me by writing a line to the Solicitor of the Treasury at Washington, at an early day - stating to him the fact that we were employed - Mr. Dunning is not here - but Mr. Dale and yourself are fully acquainted with the facts as he was.

Res^t & Truly Yrs -

And^{rs} W. S. Hallam

Syracuse City Bank,

Syracuse,

Jan 2nd 1853

Esq. Chamber:

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the _____ with
enclosure, is received, and shall have attention.

I enclose for collection I am desirous of obtaining
a few Hundred Dollars of Silver. Say 3 cent
pieces, or small silver, quarter, half, and mild
and give a Draft on New York for such
amount as I want, if you will inform me
what your terms are? Let me hear from you
soon and oblige

Yours Very Truly

J. E. Heron.

Pres. Syracuse City Bank

Prof
Friend of Christy Hall
Wm. P. H. H. H.
P.O.

Mechanicks Bank
Newburyport Jan'y 28. 1853.

C. C. Dale Esq. Treasr.

Dear Sir Please find
enclosed I Stone Esq's check on the Chem
Bank New York for one hundred & fifty
dollars for which please forward me at
your earliest convenience the same amount
in three cent pieces, and oblige,

sent Jan'y 31/

Very Respectfully John Andrews.
Cash
By Saml G. Osgood.

Merchants' Bank
Newburyport Jan^y 28th 1853
E. C. Dale Esq^r
Trans^r U. S. Mint
Sir,

Enclosed I hand
you my check on Commercial Bank of
Penny for One hundred & fifty dollars,
in return for which please forward me
the amount in U. S. three cent coins
I send of the 26th with Adams & Co's
receipt for two bags of copper cents is
received

Very respectfully yours &c
Lydia P. Stone
Cashr

Ans Jan 31

Dr. J. C. Farrar

Porte, Krete

Paris

Paris 19 Feb. 1853

Sir,

We are favored, this morning, with
your letter of the 17 Inst., crossed by ours to you
of the same day's date, & agreeable to your order,
are going to draw from each of the two remaining
lots of wheat a sample of the weight of half
a kilo. or so - 100 grammes of each of which $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
shall then be forwarded to an assayer in Paris,
for examination & a report to us upon the
result.

The remaining portion of each sample shall be

forwarded in two separate tin boxes, to be shipped
by the ship 'Globe', advertised to sail for New Orleans
on the 25th Inst, & we will write a line to Mac-Quibben
by the same vessel to apprise him that the samples
are on board -

We will further write to him to report the result
of the assay to be made in Paris, as soon as we
can learn it, & for your government, will send
the same information to you - In the meantime,

we remain,

Sir,

Yours most Obedt^{ly}

Wm. H. H. H.

Wm. C. Sumner, 1853
to Edward C. Dale Esq
Per W. S. Elliot.

Dear Sir
Enclosed you
have a check payable to you for
One Hundred and twenty dollars, with
which you will please return to
us in three cash pieces and on
Very Respectfully
George Sumner Esq

Sent Feb 2/53

#120
\$120
E. W. Blair & Co
Phila
Gibbs & Lord
Boston Jan 31/

Min't of the United States
Philadelphia 27 Jan 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter
to the Department requested in your communication
of the 24th inst.

The documents to be furnished in reply to
your letter of the 23^d are being copied, and will
be forwarded with the least possible delay.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Serv't

Wm A. Edwards
Director,

Mr. Thomas Corwin,
Secy of Treasury, }

New York 27 January '53
To Treasurer W. L. Smith
Phila.

Sir

Enclosed please

find check on Mercantile Bank for \$90 - Ministry
Dollars for which will thank you to send us
the amount in 3 cent coin -

Respectfully Yours

Isa Perry & Son

Jan 28/53

Enclosed Bank note. Jan 27 1853
To the Secy of the U.S.
Dept at Philadelphia. Sir. I beg you enclose a check on
the Philadelphia Bk. with \$300 for which I wish you
would send me the amount in 3 cent pieces please.
Will you send me some of each? Some say to
the am^t of \$500 if I write just send you
Silver coin. Better halp to the amount.
Truly
Franklin D. Folsom

Sent Aug 29/

Ocean Bank,
Newburyport Jan 27th 1853.

E. C. Dale Esq.

Respectfully
I enclose my check
on Ocean Bank, New York, \$100. for which
please send me same amount in ten cent
pieces, in small bags if convenient.

Sent Jan 29/

Respy. Jackson, Mo.

Washington 17th Feb 1833
my dear Sir

The paper on the
bill as you no doubt have
seen has become a law
The paper age got
divided the last Sept and
the Senate it was intended to
go into operation on the same
day but the paper age got
longer and it will next
will apply only to 1st June 1833
though in another paper of
the bill the "1st June 1832" is stated
in which term.

Mr Hunter however will
introduce a joint resolution
to make the bill law so into
immediate effect you will also
add a proviso authorizing
the Secy to regulate the effigies
on the coin - If there are
any preparatory steps for

adopt our plan, had better
be added to it. (We will
be added to it) in a
day or two.

I am going to make
an offer to the owner of
the mine - what is the
highest price per ounce we
could pay for it - what
is the best place in the
value of silver per ounce
on the recent relative standard
between the two metals
what per cent can be paid
in that price?

Yours truly
W. S. George

Get Eckert's

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Stamps 17 February 1853
E. C. Dale Esq
Treasurer

We have in New Orleans
\$500,000 in Mexican dollars which we will
sell at 5 1/2 p.c.m. deliverable there or at a
advance to cover freight & charges deliverable
at the Treasury here, or at the Mint in Phila.
We suppose a considerable amount will be required
by the Mint for coinage under the new law. We
obtained these for the purpose of shipment abroad
some time since & do not know of a similar amount
for sale in this country. If you have any
propositions to make with reference to this silver
please reply by return mail & much oblige

Yours obdly

Corning

Mint of the United States
Chicago 19 Feb 1853

Gent,

In reply to your letter of 17th respecting
a proposed sale of Mexican Coins, I have to say
that by the terms of the silver bill as it now stands
the law does not go into operation till the first
of June next; and such being the case, and in
the absence of general instructions from the Treas-
ury department, we do not feel authorized to pur-
chase silver in large quantities except at very favor-
able prices. Looking to the quotations of the Lon-
don market, where Mexican Dollars are held at
 $4/11\frac{3}{4}$ ^{per ounce} equivalent to a premium ~~name~~ of about
4 1/2 percent, your offer does not appear suffic-
iently favorable to tempt us. We will be glad,
nevertheless, to receive an offer of your silver re-
deemable here, payable promptly in gold. We
should prefer that the offer was at a fixed price
per ounce, instead of a premium on the count
by tale. You probably already have the weight,
and will be able to tell what rate per ounce
will compensate you.

Yours truly,
New York.

Very respectfully
Geo. N. Eckert, Secy
per A. Patterson

New York February 16th 1853

C. C. Dale Esq^r
Phil^a

Sir

Enclosed you will please find
Draft of the Bank of the Republic on the Philadelphia
Bank for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, for
which you will please to send us three cents gain
and oblige

Respectfully Yours
A. Jakob^r & Co.

42 Liberty Street

Recd Subj^r of

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 15 Feb. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission of assay was held at the Mint yesterday. The members present were, the Hon. A. A. Kane, Judge of the U. S. District Court, for the E. District of Pa., Wm. B. Lewis, Esq. Collector of the port of Phila. (they being Commissioners ex officio), Hon. F. P. Stanton, Hon. A. A. Muhlenberg, Prof. Joseph Henry, Prof. J. D. Dana, and Dr. James R. Chilton, (they being Commissioners specially designated by the President). The absent members of the Commission were the Hon. C. A. S. Hunter, Hon. Jas. A. Pearce, Hon. C. Broadhead, Hon. G. L. Bunham, Hon. Jas. Brooks (all special Commissioners) and John W. Ashmead, Esq. Attorney of the U. S. for the E. District of Pa. (Commissioner ex officio).

The conformity of the coinage at the several Mints to the legal standard of weight was tested by weighing the reserved coins in mass, and by trials on single pieces, and the correspondence was in every instance close and satisfactory.

The conformity of the coinage to the legal standard of fineness was also tested by assays. The fineness reported for the gold coins was as follows: at Phila. ^{the} (thousandths) 900.4, at St. Orleans 999.1, at Charlotte 999.5, at Dahlonega 999.2. The fineness reported for the silver coins, exclusive of the three cents, was at Phila. 900.4, at St. Orleans 999. The fineness of the three-cent coins (issued only from Philadelphia) was 999.5. The allowed limits of variation are

for gold coin from M 898 to M 902; for silver coin from
M 897 to M 903; for threecent coin from M 745 to M 756,
so that the actual fineness was far within the legal
limit in every case.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant

Wm McKim
Director

Mrs. Thomas Corwin,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

New York Feb 13/53

P & Dalt

Please send the amount
here in closed to 39 coin by
Atlantic & Co Express

And Oblige Isaac Thompson

308 Spring St
New York City

\$120 =

Rev Geo C

Treasury Department
February 14th 1858

Sir

In reply to your letter of 31st December relative to arrangements for procuring silver from abroad for the new silver coinage should Congress pass the law on the subject, I would state that the Department does not think that such arrangements on the part of the Government will be necessary, as there are no doubt large amounts of silver coins of some of which the Department has information held by Banking Institutions which could doubtless be brought into market for sale so soon as such a bill may be passed, and independent of this source of supply, contracts can no doubt be made on better terms with individuals to procure a supply of silver from abroad, should that be necessary on more favorable terms than the United States could obtain it through agents selected for the purpose as the former could combine with its other transactions at a less expense for agency and at a less loss of

exchange.

Very respectfully
Yours at St Louis
Wm C. Brown
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr. G. N. Eckert.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

E. C. Dale Esq
New York

Market Bank
New York Feb 12 1853.

Dear Sir

Enclosed is my check on Philadelphia
Bank for six hundred dollars. Please send
the amount in New York money.

Oblige yours

R. H. Haydock
Cash

Note

Sent Feb 16

Canoa Marsh, Portland, Maine,

14 Feb 1863

E. & Dale Esq
Newbury, Mass
Philadelphia
Dr Sir

We have forwarded to day by Bezelon & Co express (to connect with Adams & Co express) to your address a bag containing thirty seven hundred dollars (\$3700) in 50¢ gold pieces "Augustus Humbre W & Apaper" & a lump of gold, the net of which when ready we wish delivered to the express that bears it, in three cent pieces to the amount of 30¢ & the balance in gold coins. Please state the net of the "lump" of gold separately.

We also send a bag containing five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) in Spanish Mexican Mexican Dollars, for which we wish 50¢ in dimes & 100¢ in 1/2 dimes.

Respy
Yr ve L B Scott, Cash

Please address on the receipt
of the gold & silver

The lump weighs 10 oz 14 dwts

New York Feb. 12. 1858.
To the Treasurer of the Mint.
at Phila. Penn.

Dear Sir,

Will you
have the goodness to forward, and deliver
without expense - One Hundred & Seventy
Dollars, in three cent pieces, to the
State Bank, Providence R.I.
for which you have enclosed a draft
from Bk. of Commerce N.Y. on the Bank
of Pennsylvania for same amount.
& oblige

#1859

Yours Truly

Wm. Henry T. Browne.

(46 Exchange Place.)

Dear Lady 16/

Orange February 12 1853
E. C. Dyer Esq.
Treasury U.S. House
Philadelphia Pa

Enclosed please
find Draft on Union Bank New York for Fifty Dollars
(\$50.00) (No 5004 Payable to your order) for which you will
please send us Three Cent Pieces and much obliged
Respectfully Yours

Eagle & Stone
New Bedford

Recd Feb 12

FRANKLIN COUNTY BANK.

Greenfield, Feb. 4. 1853

C. Dale

Esq.

Apptm
Cashier

Sir,

Your favor of

is received, with inclosures.

Enclosed I send paper for collection, as stated below.

Respectfully Yours,

A. M. Mearns Cashier.

My draft on Metropolitan Bank N.Y. for \$300, for which
I will thank you to forward me Three Cent Coin, as
you usually do, direct to me at

Greenfield

Mass.

Yours truly
A. M. Mearns

Mint of the U. S. Philad: Feb. 5th 1853

Dear Sir

The agreeable intimation in your letter of the 18th ult. that you would be gratified to receive a communication (to which I had briefly adverted in my letter of Sept. 26th 1852) bearing upon certain points affecting my official duties; I am led to regard as a requisition, with which however it gives me pleasure to comply.

I do not wish at this moment, to present the points to which I shall have occasion to advert, in any other aspect, than as suggestions for your consideration, respecting which I shall be happy to confer with you more fully at your earliest convenience.

From the time I have been an officer of the Mint; if the law designating my duties as Engraver, has been duly carried out; I have never been able to understand or construe it correctly. By that law, it is provided, that it shall be ~~the duty of~~ the duty of the Engraver to prepare and engrave all the dies used in the coinage of the Mint &c. but during the time to which I refer, the preparation of the dies has been to a large extent, if not exclusively, entrusted to the supervision of another officer; over whose action, or that of the persons in his employ, or the machinery necessary to the requisite operations, I have never been authorized to exercise any legitimate control; consequently, while my duties as defined by law, place

upon me a definite responsibility, I am virtually debared by the existing regulations, from any authoritative control over the operations which it necessarily involves.

But this is not the point, under present regulations, which I have regarded as most seriously affecting in a professional view, my official character and reputation. The working dies are actually finished and worked, independently of any supervision by the engraver: I design no charge, even by implication against the fidelity of the workmen employed; they are skillful mechanics; but not artists; and yet the character of the die is often materially affected by the manipulations it receives from their hands: and thousands of pieces are struck, that from defects which they (the workmen) are not prepared nor qualified to appreciate, are nevertheless seriously objectionable to the eye of the Engraver; who is necessarily ignorant of the issue, until he meets the coin in circulation.

In the regulations of the British Mint, no die can be worked without the approval of the chief engraver. I mention this, merely as evidence, that the point I have raised, is elsewhere considered of sufficient importance to call for authoritative legal provision, in protecting the proper artistic character of the coinage.

The importance of this matter may not, I am aware be so apparent to others, as it is to me; but if I had ever been disposed to regard it more lightly than at present, recent occurrences would have changed my views; on several occasions lately, I have been appealed to

as a witness, on the part of the government to prove the spurious character of certain imitations of the gold coinage; and the dangerous character of these imitations has impressed me very strongly, with the high responsibility resting upon the officers having charge of this branch of the public service, for the most strict attention in the manufacture of the legal coinage, so as to secure by every available means, the most perfect identity of character of the pieces, in the character they may present to the public eye; and the room which there appears for improvement in the present regulations, if my views are correct, is sufficient to furnish a subject for animadversion abroad; if the facts to which I have adverted were generally known.

I am aware that the changes which might be required to obviate the deficiency of present arrangements, would probably involve a different organization of my office, an increase of labour, and additional expenditure; but the increased security of the public, as well as the improved character of the coinage, appear to me sufficient considerations to justify all that may be demanded by the revised economy which is indicated in the remarks I have here the honour to submit.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Serv. &c.

G. N. Eckert Esq. }
Director of the Mint }

James B. Longacre

Treasury Department
Feb 7th 1858.

Sir

The President has this day designated the
Hon^{ble} Messrs R. M. ? Hunter and J. W. Pearce of
the Senate, and P. P. Stanton, and James Brooks, of
the House of Representatives, in conjunction with
Prof. James O. Sana, of New Haven and Dr James R.
Chilton of New York, whom you suggested to the
Department, to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia
on Monday next, (the 14th) to discharge the duties
required by the Mint law of 18th January, 1837.

Very respectfully
Yours Obt^{servt}.

Wm. S. Hoag
Asst Secy. of the Treasury.

Geo N. Eckert Esq

Director of the Mint.
Philad^a

The above parties in course
of the time
have been advised of their appointment
direct from the Treasury

Treasury Department
Feb: 9, 1862.

Sir,

As the charge made by
Messrs S. M. & M. Salade is for services rendered
by them in the apprehension and prosecution of
S. H. Chapp for fraudulently obtaining moneys
from the Mint is deemed to be reasonable, their
Bill has been approved by the Department and
is herewith returned - the amount of \$200 to be paid
out of the Contingent fund of the Mint.

I am very Respectfully

Sec. of the Treasury

J. Q. N. Eckert

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Cleveland, Feb 9 1853
O. C. Dale Esq. Dear Sir - We enclose
our Lft No 3 to your order on Drexel & Co
for One Hundred & fifty dollars \$150. for
which please send us three cent coin by
first Express -

Yours truly
W. H. Wright & Co
per Mark Davis

and please ref

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia 10 Feb. 1853.

Sir,

I take leave to remind you that the meeting
of the Commission for the annual trial of the crimes
of the United States, will be held at the Mint, on
Monday next, 14th, at 9 A.M.

Very respectfully

Geo. W. Eckert,

Director

by C. Patterson

William S. Lewis, Esq
Collector of the Port.

Minst of the United States
Philad 2 10 Feb 1853.

Sir,

I take leave to remind you that the meeting
of the Commissioners for the annual trial of the courts
of the United States, will be held at the Minst, on
Monday next, 14th, at 9 A. M.

Very respectfully
Geo. W. Easton,
Director
by A. Patterson

J. W. Ashmead, Esq.
Attorney U. S. C. D. P. M.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 10 Feb. 1853.

Sir,

I take leave to remind you that the meeting
of the Commissioners for the annual trial of the coins
of the United States, will be held at the Mint, on
Monday next, 14th, at 9 A. M.

Very respectfully,
Geo. W. Estlin,
Director
by A. Patterson.

M^r. John H. Kane, }
Judge, U. S. Dist. Court, &c. }

Newark N.J.
July 11/1853
E. C. Dale Esq. Dear Sir

Enclosed we hand you
off on St. M. Ch. Phila for Three Hundred
Dollars for which we want like to receive same
amount of three cent coins to our address.

Maxwell Wilson
505. Broad St
Newark N.J.

Rev. G. L. G.

State Bm at Newark

Treasurer

President of W. S. M. Racine Wis Feb 12 1853

Dear Sir

Senator draft from the
Bank of Racine to E. W. Clark, Dodge & Co N.Y. for the purpose
of enabling you to send me some small change Ten pieces
would be preferable if you can not send them smaller
change will answer

and very much Oblige Yours Truly

H. D. Wickham

Recd Feb 21

Treasury Department
February 11, 1853.

Sir

In addition to the parties, who, by the act of 15 January, 1837 are ex-officio members of the assay commission, and those of whose appointment you have already been informed, the President has designated the following gentlemen as members, viz—

Wm. Broadhead, of the Senate and Dunham of the House of Representatives, and N. B. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.

The persons appointed have been notified that their personal expenses will be paid by the treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt.
Wm. McClellan
Asst. Secy. of the Treasury.

A. N. Eckert, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn^a.

Dear Sir

In addition to the names
already reported to you the
President has added Senator
Brookhead & Sen. Hon. A. D. Dickham
of Indiana & Stephen Henry of the
Smithsonian

Very truly

Wm. H. Hodge

I will send you an official
letter tomorrow

Respectfully

Mr. Henry

Rich. Brookhead

Cyrus L. Dickham

Stephen Henry.

Wm. H. Hodge

Asst. Sec. Hodge

Asst. Sec. Hodge

F. S. Stanton

J. D. Chilton

J. S. Darda

Newark Feb'y 4, 1853
Mr Ed. C. Dale Treasurer U.S. Mint
for
Enclosed please find
draft on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank
Phila for \$300.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for which amt please send
me in three cent pieces & oblige

Respectfully Yours, C
Jm W^m Mearns
Newark
New Jersey

Dear Sir 7/

Crouse Bank

Syracuse Feb. 2^d 1858.

Treasure

United States Mint Eng. ~~Crosby~~

Phil^a Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the with

enclosures is received, and shall have attention,

I enclose for collection two bags

Respectfully &c

May 18th on New York for

Three Hundred Dollars, for

which (if convenient) please

Send us three cent pieces

in bags of thirty each

Albany 9 m

830

Rev. Liby 87

New York 5th Sept 1835
Mr E L Gale Treasr of
M S Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Draft
of Commence Check on Bank of Pennsylvania for
One hundred & fifty 7/8 Dollars which please forward
to us in three convenient pieces

Yours respectfully
William Cagley

#1835
\$150
Bk of Commerce
- N York
Dear George

33 Liberty St New York July 10/83
Edw C Dale Esq
Treas. Nat Mint
Phila.
We beg leave to hand, enclosed, \$50
for Ninety Dollars for which he pleased to send us
100 3 cent coins & oblige. Yours very truly
John & Geo. Horrocks
Mare
Sent July 21

C & P. Date Dear Sir New York Feb 14/53
Please send by Adams, &c.
Express the amount here to closed
in 3/4 coin

And Oblige Isaac C. Carpenter

\$120 =

305 Spring St

308 New York City

Sent Feb 3/

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 22 Feb 1853

Sir,

I have not seen any copy of the Civil & Diplomatic Appropriation Bill as it has been reported to the H.C., but I presume that as to the Mint it gives the amounts asked for in the estimates from the Department. In these estimates the amounts for this Mint were set down as follows: viz.

For salaries &c. \$22,200.

For wages, in addition to other available funds 24,000.

For incidentals &c. do do 1,500

For rent &c. 300

\$48,000

Among the available funds of which we calculated to have the use, you will find (by referring to the Grounds of Estimates accompanying my letter of the 8 Nov. last) that there were included an available surplus, at the termination of the present fiscal year, of \$38,000., and a profit of \$1,500 from the threecent coinage of the next fiscal year; the estimated surplus above referred to also growing out of an estimated coinage of threecent.

But in consequence of the passage of the Silver Bill, it is evident that our profits on the threecent coinage, both during the present & approaching fiscal years, will be very far short of what had been estimated, and it becomes necessary to ask for an increase of our appropriations commensurate with the anticipated deficiency of means due to the ~~diminished~~ diminished coinage of three

and, as a basis for such an amended appropriation
 I now, I think, safely assume that the surplus of money
 at the close of the present fiscal year will not exceed
 \$2,500, instead of \$15,000 as before estimated; and
 as the profits on the present coinage, after the new silver
 currency is issued, I may assume that ^{the} will be
 sufficient to my judgment the coinage of the piece,
 even as large as indispensable by reason of the scarcity of gold,
 silver, should be suspended with a view to give Congress
 an opportunity of conforming its standard to the new silver
 currency, which that should be done at the present
 session.

I would appear then that we shall have \$18,000
 in surplus to begin the next fiscal year, and \$40,000 less
 for that year from the new coinage; so that our ap-
 propriation cannot be increased \$55,000. Our estimates
 are therefore as follows:

For the deficit of the United States at this:	
For interest on P. B.	\$22,200,000
For interest on P. B.	75,000,000
For interest on P. B. in addition to P. B.	41,500,000
For interest on P. B.	300,000
	\$138,000

The Branch deficit estimates, not having been based
 on a profit, from the proceeds of the new coinage, I may
 add that we shall have no surplus from the new coinage or profit
 on the silver coinage, the amount being payable to the Government
 under the old law.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. McKim
 Secy of the Treas.



Assay Office U. S. Mint

February 24. 1853

Hon. Geo. M. Eckert
Director of the Mint

Sir

In accordance with the
views and wishes of the principal Assayer (who
is absent, ^{and} not expecting to return for some weeks),
I beg leave to suggest the increase of wages of
Andrew Mason, to \$3.80 per day, believing
his qualifications and services to justify and
require that rate of compensation.

Mr Eckfeldt would also be gratified,
and consider it no more than just, if the
wages of Charles B. Nave could be raised to
\$3.50 per day. He is remarkably fitted for
the delicate and multifarious duties of his
post, and very faithful to those duties.

We have no other requests of this sort to make.

Very respectfully,

Geo. M. Eckert

Asst. Assayer

Mint U. S. 25 Feb 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of yesterday.
In reply I would state that at this particular juncture
I am unwilling to make any further changes in the compensa-
tion of the employees in the Mint, while I am very sensible
of the merits of both the ~~gentlemen~~ individuals you wish advanced.

Very sincerely yours

G. M. Eckert

Director

W. E. DuBois, Esq.
Actg. Asst. Dir.

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 22 Feb 1853.

Dear Sir,

In view of the late act of Congress, reducing the weight of the half dollar to, it becomes necessary, in my judgment, to make such a change in the devices or inscriptions as will distinguish the coin of the old from that of the new issue, and I have to request of you to make such suggestions as appear to you pertinent to that object.

It may perhaps be thought necessary, by the Department to introduce finally, for such coins, entirely new devices; but at present I do not so much ask you to consider that point (though I should be pleased at any time to receive such designs for an alteration as you may have to offer), but rather to point out such minor and easily executed changes in the present dies as will suffice to discriminate the new coins, satisfactorily, from the old.

One suggestion which has been made impresses me favorably; it is to make a change in the reverse of the half & quarter dollar assimilating them to the dime & half dime; that is introducing a wreath, with the name of the coin enclosed. It would be well, if this change were made, also to introduce a new design of wreath in the dime & half dime. Such alterations, in connection with arrows at the dates, as you had formerly proposed, might suffice. It is probable that we have already punches that would suffice for such

order, or that we could procure such already made,
so that the delay in making the alterations need not
be very great.

It is probable that you will need some assistance
in preparing the next dies. If such should be
the case I will be ready to accede to any request you
may make on that subject.

very truly yours

Wm. H. Kent

Secretary

Lat. B. Longacre Esq. }
Engraver &c. }

Washington, as your letter will be forwarded
to the Treasury, and a copy of the same will be
sent to the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, 22nd Oct. 1853

Sir,

I have received and duly considered your letter of
the 8th inst., containing suggestions for amendment in the
present regulation or custom of the Mint relative to the
making of dies.

My opinion entirely coincides with your own, that in
the present laws the preparation of the dies, in all their sta-
ges of manufacture, should be under the supervision or con-
trol of the Engraver of the Mint, and that he is entitled
to receive such aid, in workmen or from machinery, as will
enable him to perform his duties in that respect.

I am not so well able to see, however, that (to use your
words) "the changes which might be required to obviate the
deficiency of present arrangements would probably involve
a different organization of your office, and increase of la-
bor, and additional expenditure." It appears to me that
it will be sufficient to give a general instruction that
such workmen as you may designate, now employed in the
Mint, shall be under your orders, at such times as may
be necessary, to aid you in the preparation. The services
of Mr. Eckfeldt and the others who have already had expe-
rience in the manufacture, would I suppose be far more
efficient and agreeable to you than any which might be
rendered by inexperienced employes. And I have the
best reason to doubt that the Chief Engraver will cheerfully
accord to any changes, and new directions, which I may
adopt to carry into effect your general views.

that much, however, as your letter did not interfere with
any details of such a reorganization of your department as
you deemed expedient, you will oblige me by furnishing
such at your convenience.

It may add that, when such details are finally per-
fected, it will devolve on you the exclusive control of the
bills, & I shall introduce, as to your department, the system
already in operation among the other officers; and shall
by warrants charge you with the delivery to the carrier, from
time to time, of such bills as may be necessary in this
practical operation.

Very respectfully yours,

John A. B. Clark

Director

Ans. R. Longacre, Esq.
Engineer, &c.

MC CARTHY & ALLIN
Bankers.

Rock. Note & Exchange Bankers

15 WALL STREET.

P. D. Mc Carthy.
Robt. C. Allin.

New York Feb 25th 1853

C. C. Dale Esq

Miny. Treasurer,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have this
day forwarded by Messrs. Adams & Co
Express to your address Philadelphia
quantity of Gold in payment of
\$10,000.00. New York Salt Manufacture
Salina. Onondaga County. N York (not) for
for Comage. - upon which you will
please ^{transmit} proceeds to

Respectfully Yours

McCarthy & Allin

U. S. Mint, 18 Feb. 1853

Dear Sir,

I have examined the foreign prices of silver and find that in London, from the beginning of January to near the close the prices ruled steady at $5^s 1\frac{3}{4}$ per ounce for bars at standard (British) and $4^s 11\frac{1}{4}$ to $4^s 11\frac{3}{4}$ for the ounce of Mexican Dollars new. This, on being converted into our terms, is equivalent to a premium here of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on Mexican Dollars, and 4 p.c. on bars; the increased premium on the latter is however due to the fact that the owners have had to pay melting & assay charges. On Mexican Dollars it is equivalent to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

A Mint price here corresponding to the London market price would be

For Mexican Coin, per ounce — \$ 1.20 $\frac{7}{10}$

For American coin do \$ 1.20 $\frac{3}{10}$

Now I am unable to see any very good reason why such coin should be at a greater price in this country than there; on the contrary it would seem as if it ought to be so much less as would be equivalent to the freight & loss of interest in exporting it to London, whether most of it is finally destined. Nevertheless we offer \$ 1.21.

4 200 25
249 4
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Price of Mex. dollars, per oz. in London $4.11\frac{3}{4}$ = £0.249
equivalent at \$4.84.6 to the pound sterling to \$1.20.7

Three several deposits of Mexican dollars
made lately at the Mint weighed 9,60,678.10 grs.
and yielded, in dollar, \$10,895.50, or at the rate of \$1.16.2
Difference between the market price in London \$0.04.5
- the Mint price here

Equivalent to a premium in the market of $3\frac{3}{4}$ percent

Another calculation

Standard silver (that is 925 the fine) is worth
in London, per oz. $5.1\frac{1}{8}$ equal to £0.257

equivalent at \$4.84.6 to the pound sterling to \$1.24.5
The Mint equivalent here in dollar, would be \$1.19.6
Difference between London price & our Mint value \$0.04.9

Equivalent to a premium in the market of $4\frac{1}{10}$ percent

The difference of $1\frac{1}{10}$ percent in the price of bullion in bars & in Mexican coin
is due to the fact of the former being already melted, and ready for recoinage.

79495.8 (700)

1.16.30
x 6.5
575
721.25

1.15.30
461
1.03
12074

377
400

125
1163

1.16.36
349
142
85
\$152084

Prices of Dollars, London.

Jan. 1	per oz 4.11 $\frac{1}{4}$	= £0.2490	17 12 4	7744
5	"	0.2490	17 12 4	7744
15	"	0.2489	17 12 4	7744
22	no sales	0.0000	17 12 4	7744
29	4.11 $\frac{1}{4}$	0.2484	17 12 4	7744
Feb. 5	"	0.2484	17 12 4	7744
11	4.11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0.2479	17 12 4	7744

6) 1.4956 average 0.2486

At 4.86.6 to the pound, price of dollar, per oz in London £1.20.97
 At 4.84.6 " " £1.20.47
 At 4.85 " " £1.20.57

For every 4 mills added to the value of £ add one mill to value of dollar per oz.
 For every halfpenny in value per oz in London add

1.16.3
 1.652
 1.207

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 26 Dec 1853.

Sir,

In anticipation of the time when, by law, we shall be allowed to issue the new silver coin lawfully authorized, it seems to me incumbent on us to take some measures to procure a supply of bullion for the coinage. And this shall be most readily and economically effected may be a matter of some doubt. After considerable reflection on the subject it has seemed to me that the most expedient method will be for the Mint, with the approval of the Department, to establish and publish a fixed price for certain classes of silver, to be paid to all comers who may offer the same. In the first instance the payment should be in gold, but it would be an additional inducement, to banks particularly, if we should undertake to replace that gold with the new coin, to those who furnished us silver, and in the order of priority.

The London price of Mexican Dollars, since the commencement of the year to the present last date, has been slightly less than \$1.21 an ounce. It appears to me ~~that~~ ^{my} price should not exceed the London price, and taking that as a basis our tariff should be as follows:

For dollars of Spain, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and those restamped in Brazil; for francs; for United States silver coins, other than the three-cent, the rate paid on delivery at the Mint, will be \$1.21 an ounce gross. - For the rest of Sweden and the new

from states of Germany, \$1.01 an ounce gross:
for silver in bars, \$1.21 per ounce, standard of
nine tenths, to be determined by assay at the
mint.

If the supply brought to us should exceed
the amount of gold which we can conveniently
spare from the Bullion Fund it would be necessary
to have temporary transfers of public money
to effect the purchases to be replaced on the
receipt of gold from the sale of the new coins.

I throw out these ideas for the consideration
of the Department with a view principally to learn
whether the fixing, by advertisement, of a limit price
is opposed.

Very respectfully
Yours truly

Wm W Belknap
Secretary

Hon. Sec. Com in
Chief of Mint

Dear Sir,

I would remind you that nothing further has been heard respecting the Assistance ships asked for our operative officers. If the decision of the President is adverse (as I fear) I should nevertheless be glad to receive some official notification of the facts.

Very truly yours,

Geo. W. Bickart

W. L. Hodge-By.

Cleveland July 28th 1853
E. C. Dale Esq Please send us the amt of
the enclosed \$112.00 in three cent ps

Respectfully Yours
W. H. Beckwith

Sent Aug 6/53

Bristol County Bank
Taunton Mass Dec 26 1853
E. C. Davis Esq
Friend Dear Sir

I Enclose
My Check on the Metropolitan Bank N.Y. \$900
for which I should like three cent pieces. If you can
send them you will oblige me

Yours very respectfully
Wm. Washburn
B. Washburn

#698

Recd Dec 31

Chicago Illinois March 26/53
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir, Enclosed we
send you Geo. Smith & Co. sight draft on
Stearns & Scott N York for ninety dollars, for
which please send us Three Cent pieces

Yours Truly,
Saml B. Collins Jr.
184 Lake St Chicago Illinois

Recd Apr 1st/53

New York 26th March 53
To Hon^{ble} Treasurer W. M. Mott

In
Enclosed please
find Check Forty Dollars (\$40)
for which will thank you to permit us
the amount in 3 Cent Coin - 3 bags -

Respectfully Yours
Ira Sargent & Son

\$40 Merchants Bk
New York
March 26th 53

Per check 30¢

Cleveland March 28th 1853
O.C. Dale Esq. Jr.

Dr Sir - We enclose
our Dft No 7 to yr order on Drexel & Co for
Three Hundred Dollars, \$300 - for which please
send us Three Cent Coin soon as possible -
please as many \$30 Bags as convenient.

Yours truly,

W. W. Dightler
per Smith & Darg

Recd Apr 1st

New York March 25/53
O. O. Paley Esq
Please send the amount
here enclosed in 39 coin by Adams & Co
Express And Oblige Isaac H. Carpenter
308 Spring St
New York City
\$120=
Sent March 31

Wentland Mark 2/53
From W. S. Hunt

Phar send
me for the Enclon draft
H. in the Cent piece
you'll
L. W. Robinson

sent Apr 1877

to the Treasurer, Assayer, and Collector Refiner of the Mint.

From and after the first of April depositors of gold will be entitled to an addition to the weight after melting of their deposits equivalent, as near as may be, to the amount actually recovered from the drosses of the deposits melting room.

This allowance, for the present and until further instructions will be four tenths of a thousandth in the actual weight after melting, which the Treasurer is accordingly requested to add to that weight.

The loss recovered from drosses of the deposits melting room will be delivered to the Melter Refiner and not to the Treasurer as heretofore. This will compensate the Melter Refiner for the additional amount charged to him in accordance with this instruction.

The addition to the weight herein authorized has reference only to deposits of gold. Deposits of coin will have the weight after melting adjusted according to former usages.

Director's Office U.S. Mint
Philadelphia 28 Mar 1853

Wm W Eckert
Director

Northern Bank of Kentucky

Lexington 29th March 1858.

The Director of the United States Mint

Philadelphia

This Bank proposes selling Silver
Coin for American Gold Coin. I therefore address you
to enquire on what terms an Exchange can be
made at the Mint. The amount will be not less
than Four hundred thousand Dollars and perhaps
to \$500,000. We also desire to exchange Foreign
Gold Coin for the States Gold Coin. The Foreign Gold is
principally English.

They deliver in American Dollars, half Dollars & Silver
Coins, an inestimable portion in Old Spanish Coin
& Five Franc pieces. As we desire to effect
this object very soon, I will be obliged by an
early answer.

Yours very respectfully
W. Scott, Pres.

U.S. Mint, Phila: 2 Apr 1853

Sir,

as the most appropriate reply to
your letter of the 29th your attention is called
to the annexed circular, by which you will see
the prices we are offering for silver bullion pay-
able in the new coin, as well as in gold.

Foreign gold coin we receive in deposit,
and pay the value thereof as determined
by assay, less charges.

Very respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

C. Patterson
for the Director

W. P. Scott, Esq.

N. Bank of America

Staubek at Newark
E. C. Davis Esq. March 29. 1853
Is Wm. Smith
Sir.

Enclosed in send
you are check on the D. W. R. R. Phil^a
for \$100. for which in return like I sent
Cash

Yours truly

J. M. Eaton

New York 31

WETMORE, ROBERT & CO.'S EXCHANGE AND BULLION OFFICE,

No. 12 Wall Street, New York, March 29th 1853.

Dear Sir,

United States Mint

Phil a

Dear Sir

Would you be kind
as to inform us at about time, you would be able
to let ^{us} have some specimens of the new Coinage, and
what amt. of the New Coin. you propose to issue
to any one party at first,

We had this pleasure on the 22nd Inst. in which
we ask^d if you could inform us what the Mint
were going to pay ^{for} ^{the} ^{present} ^{coinage} ^{to} which Mr Patterson, in your
absence replied that in absence of instructions from
Washington, which was then daily expected, could ^{not} say.
If you are, ^{now} buying the old Coin, will you
oblige us by stating the value of full weight.
Hoping we are not imposing too much
upon your time - with our greetings -

We are very truly

Yours
Robert Wetmore

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia 31. Mar 1853

Gent,
In reply to your letter of the 29th I have to
state that you will be furnished, in a day or two,
with a circular communicating the information
desired by you.

Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

Wm H Eckert
Director

Westmore, Robert H.
New York.

Wm. L. Mumy & Son S. S. Office
To the Director of
the Mint

March 20. 1858

Enclosed please find
draft for \$30. for which send me ~~like~~
but in one cent pieces

Yours &c
C. Fremont

Recd Apr 17

Mechanicks Bank
Newburyport Mass. Oct 11 53

O C Dahl Esq Trust
Dear Sir I enclose
checks on the Commercial Bank of Phila
Philadelphia for 150 & 125 - 200 dollars
for which please send me same amount
in three cent pieces, and oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
John Andrews
Cash
By Saml E. Ogden

Recd Apr 1 57

New York March 30/58
Manager of the
U.S. Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir By the Franklin
from Haoro we have consigned to us
by you and up On Package of Goods
said to be Instruments for the Mint
with a request that they should not
be opened at this Custom House. We
have no answer. The order on our way
Bill is just as before. We have applied
to the Collector for a free permit which
he declines giving unless by an order
from the Department at Washington.
Will you please obtain this order
and forward to us with your statement
as to the mode of forwarding it to you so

Yours Respectfully
Cincinnati Mills & Co.
P. S. Roberts

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a 31 Mar. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to enclose two specimen quarter dollars prepared with the alterations announced in my letter of the 12th. If you should approve of the change thus made, and of a similar change in the half dollar, three & half dime (except the omission of the rays in the two latter) it is of great public importance that I should be informed without delay. The clamor of the community for an issue of the new coin is very great, and until the devices are settled (which by law devolves upon you) we cannot enter upon the coinage.

By the Act of Feb. 21, 1853, it is made the duty of the Mint to issue bars of fine gold instead of coin, to such parties as may apply therefor; and by the 7th section of the Deficiency Bill the rate of charge therefor is to be commensurate to the actual cost to be regulated from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury?

Many experiments have been tried by us, in preparing for the operations of this^{law}. Without troubling you with useless details, I may state that we propose, with your permission, to prepare bars of fine gold (that is of the fineness as returned from the refining room, say from 988 thousandths to 992 or 993); the weight will be of about 200 ounces, 50 ozs, and 10 ozs, as near as may be approximated in the process of casting. On these will be stamped the fineness or quality and weight (which are all the ^{leg} required

signations required by law), and also the number, and the mint mark and date. I have also ordered to be prepared a ticket or certificate in strong bank note paper, stating the gross value of the bar, the charges which will be imposed upon it if returned to the Mint for coinage ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.) on the net value consequently paying a fee at our mint. This certificate will be glued to the bar, on the opposite side from that whereon the stamps are affixed, and will not appreciably add to the weight, while it affords information as well as security not to be given by the mere process of stamping.

In regard to the cost of preparing fine bars, this of course, has only reference to the melting & assaying process, and incidental thereto; the charge for refining being necessarily the same as that fixed by the present mint to pay for refining preparatory to coinage. With a view, then, to determine the cost of making bars, I have taken into view the expenses of materials in our department of melting and assay department; for if made in operating in \$15,250,000 of gold bullion, I have also estimated the probable waste in the operations; and added items for salaries of officers engaged in the operations, and for rent of building or apartments as necessary. In estimating the cost of the two latter items, it was not possible to be guided by any tangible expenditures here, since the officers of the building are employed for other purposes than bar making, and no separation of expenses could be made. I have considered therefore only what would be the cost of bar making, including the expenses of rent and official salaries.

ries, if the an establishment were organized confined solely to the these duties, as may be the case in New York under the assay office to be erected there. With these preliminaries I present the following estimate of the expense of melting and assaying bars.

On 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ millions melted at the Mint, in 4 mos.

the expenses for materials was	\$1800.
do assay department	
exclusive of salaries	2135

estimated salaries of a treasurer, two assay-
ers, and two clerks, as the official organiza-
tion requisite for an assay smelting estab-
lishment - 4 mos

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estimated rent on a building, - 4 mos

1600

estimated postage, &c of the same, all 15 mos

1525

Total probable expenses for \$15,250,000

\$1055

This estimate gives the expense at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per \$100. or 6 cents, almost exactly. And I therefore now recom-
mend that you should authorize that rate of charge on the issue of fine bars from the Mint.

For purposes of export it will be much more profit-
able to use such fine bars than to use coin, so that there
is some reason to believe that quite a considerable amount
of them will be required. You can perceive that if coin
are exported, the owner will lose the half per cent which
he has paid to procure such coin at the Mint, under
the late law, since coin abroad is generally melted
down. Besides, coin of the U.S., being held the British

standard, are subjected to a charge, for refining them up to that standard, of quite a considerable amount. If the exporter sends abroad fine bars he loses only 6 cents per \$100 worth, paid to the mint for making them, instead of 58 cents which he would have paid for coin. He avoids also the refining charge abroad; and it is my impression that he will be even able to sell his bars at some little advantage, by reason of their near approach to purity.

It is proper to state that, in consequence of the introduction of the system of charges for carrying of bar making, it has been necessary to make alterations in our forms of assay reports, calculation abstract, and warrant for payment. As these changes do not affect the general principles in which our accounts are kept, and as time was very pressing, I have taken the liberty to do this without first consulting the department.

I may also mention that, not having had the pleasure to hear your views in regard to my letter of the 12th inst relative to the purchase of silver, and it being important that some plan should be announced for the information of applicants, I have, in connection with the Treasurer, fixed the prices and terms of payment mentioned in the letter just referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

your obt^d serv^t

Geo W Eckert
Secretary

Wm. F. Guthrie,
Secy of Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 31 Mar 1853

Sir,

I have been informed, this morning, by Livingston Wells & Co, that a box consigned to their care, for the U.S. Mint, has reached New York, per Steamer Franklin. This box contains an assaying apparatus of new construction ordered for our assay office, and it is very important that it should not be opened before reaching the Mint. May I ask your order to that effect to the Collector at New York, and also for the admittance of the package duty free. The cost of the instrument is 500 francs, but it is stated on Livingston's weigh bill at 700 f

very respectfully
your obedt servt

Chas N Eckart
Director

Wm. Jas. Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury.

Statement of account of moneys, made 31 March 1853,
in the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S., of
the Treasurer of the Mint, Philadelphia

1. Assistant Treasury.

Balances stated:

Govt Treasury	\$945,910.63
Post Office	99,929.33
Treasury Notes	554.95
U. S. Loans	10,627.30
Redeem	34,976.19
Coupons	2,482.56
Total: Verified by Count	\$1,094,480.46

2. United States Mint

Balances stated:

Gold Coinage	\$919,098.57
Silver Coinage	31,625.50
Ordinary	12,977.52
Copper (W. Sellers charge)	4,600.00
do (W. Running:)	1,964.22
Total: Verified by Count	970,265.81
	\$974,287.24

Directors Office, U. S. Mint
March 31, 1853.

G. N. Peck
Winton

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Circular

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 31 March 1853

By virtue of the 3^d section of the Act of Congress approved Feb. 21, 1853, the Treasurer of the Mint, under the approval of the Director, gives notice that he is prepared to purchase silver coin and bullion, delivered at the Mint, on the following terms, to wit: For dollars of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil (not stamped) and Spain; for francs; for silver coins of the United States other than three cents, the price paid will be \$1.21 an ounce gross.

For thalers of Sweden and the Northern States of Germany, \$1.01 an ounce.

For silver in bars, \$1.21 for each ounce at standard fineness ($\frac{2}{10}$ ths) as determined on assay at the Mint.

The payment will be made in gold coin, or in silver coin of new emission, at the option of the seller. Parties furnishing silver to the Mint, according to the terms of this notice, will receive a preference, in exchange for the new coin, according to the order of priority of their debts to the Mint.

It is expected that an emission of new coinage will be made by the middle of April.

The prices herein fixed will continue until further notice.

Approved: G. W. Eckart,
Director

E. C. Dale,
Treasurer

with regard to practical details incident to the
operation of the Mint of the United States,
Director's Office St. Paul, 1853.
Dear Sir,

By the 3^d section of the Silver Coin Act of Feb. 21, 1853
it is enacted that in order to procure bullion for the regu-
lar coinage of the sub-silver coins of the dollar authorized by
this act, the Treasurer of the Mint shall, with the approv-
al of the director, purchase such bullion with the bullion
fund of the Mint.

On the 12th inst. I submitted for the consideration of
the Secretary of the Treasury, a plan and a price for the
purchase of bullion, being desirous that his approval of
any steps on our part should be first obtained, although
he has not yet appeared to make such action incumbent
on him. In consequence, no doubt, of the overwhelming
pressure of business incident to the outset of a new adminis-
tration, I have to regret that I have not yet received the
views of the Department on the subject. Not much, however,
as our legal obligation, to endeavor to secure a supply of sil-
ver bullion, is undoubted; and as, moreover, the multipli-
city of inquiries upon the Mint, by parties anxious to sell,
demands some immediate action; I now recommend to your
consideration the plan detailed in the annexed form of
notice, to which I have given my approval.

You will perceive that it is based upon the princi-
ple of offering a fixed price, by weight, for certain class-
es of silver. By this plan the necessity of crumbing is avoid-
ed, while the fixed price obviates the annoyance of sepa-
rate negotiations on each purchase of silver.

With regard to practical details incident to the purchase, I should recommend that all silver purchased be received in the weigh room, and there weighed, separated being made into classes, where requisite, and an examination being made to detect counterfeits. The deposit should be entered in your name, and will pass through the usual forms. The clerk of the weigh room should calculate the value of the silver, by multiplying the ounces into the purchasing price, per ounce, and should certify the weight & price, in some form to be agreed on, to the paying clerk. The latter, on receipt of the certificate, should verify the calculation, and, if it be found correct, pay the amount to the owner of the bullion.

The requisite voucher to you for premiums paid (aside from the sellers' receipts) will be a Directors' warrant, as in the case of purchases for three cent coinage.

I should be glad (if you approved of the annexed notice) that to be informed of that fact. It would be proper, in that case, that a few hundred copies were printed to be sent to parties making inquiry, or to be otherwise distributed.

Very truly yours,

Wm W. Peck

Director

Edward C. Dale, Esq.
Treas. of the Mint.

I must the public demand for currency, by means
than a few weeks or months, and that the government
the government, public, comes into the market as
a purchaser, the Mint of the United States,
then the government, Philadelphia 26. Mar. 1853

Sir, it is requested by telegraph to now enclose your com-
munications of yesterday unopened.
In my letter of the 12th inst., in which I suggest-
ed the fixing by the Mint of a definite price per ounce
for silver bullion, I have omitted to state that
I wished a discretion allowed to vary the price, from
time to time, on public notice, as the wants of the
Mint and the contingencies of the bullion market
might require. I suggested \$1.21 as the price
which appeared to me sufficient at the present
time, but I desire authority, if that should be
found too low, or unnecessarily high, to change
it.

It is proper also to state that the alterna-
tive proposition to a published Mint price is for
the Mint to employ an agent, at a fixed com-
mission, to buy for us the requisite supply for our
wants. This would be a far less troublesome plan
for the Mint, but of its economy I am unable to
express an opinion. Such an agent, if employed,
should have great experience, and a wide commer-
cial connection, both at home and abroad. If it
should be actually true, what is often asserted,
that there is not silver enough in the U.S. now

to meet the public demand, for coinage, for more
than a few weeks or months, and that the moment
the government public, comes into the market as
a purchaser, the price will exorbitantly raised,
then the appointment of a secret agent to pur-
chase will be necessary. A strong reason I have
for recommending a published price is that the
insinuations of favoritism which would otherwise
be brought against us can thus be avoided. But
I should cheerfully defer to any plan which the
Department may recommend.

Very respectfully
your oldt servt

Geo W Eckert
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Secy of Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 25 Mar 1853

Gent:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that our arrangements for the purchase of silver are not yet definitely made, but I am not disposed to give a higher price than \$1.21 an ounce delivered here. This is above the London price, and I see no reason why the American price should be greater than that. Your offer of \$1.22 an ounce is equivalent to 5 p.c. premium.

Very respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

Wm N Dickson
Director

A. Berendsohn
New York.

Mint of the United States Philad.^a Feb. 28. 1853

Dear Sir

In compliance with your request of the 22. inst. that I would make such suggestions as were pertinent to the object contemplated by the late act of Congress, reducing the weight of the silver coin &c. I have given such attention to the subject as the time would allow; and proceed briefly to state the result of my conclusions.

The time allowed by the law, is too short to warrant any elaborate revision or alteration of the present devices, as there is no permanent force in the Mint, attached to, or within the control of, my office, applicable to the work that is, or would be required, beyond the labour of my own hands; and the uncertainty that rests upon the availability of transient or temporary aid, is too great to incur the risk of delay that might ensue; besides, to legalize so material a change, as has been suggested in the reverse of the present dies for the half and quarter dollar, would require, as I understand, at least a conference with the head of the department to authorize the substitution: which would necessarily involve a farther consumption of the time to which the operations must be limited.

I would therefore respectfully suggest the following described changes, to be made on the obverse and reverse, respectively, of the silver coins now in use.

On the obverse of the coins I propose to mark the place of the date, somewhat in the manner represented on the next page, designated by the letter D.

On the reverse, I propose for the half and quarter-dollar to cover the space between the eagle and the inscription with rays radiating from the centre of the piece — or what in heraldic language is termed a "glory" — and for the dime and half-dime, to join the wreath or garland at the top, in the manner represented by the drawing on the next page marked B. The arrangement of the reverse of the half and quarter-dollar will be understood by the drawing marked A.

I should take pleasure in submitting other designs for the changes ~~which~~ that have been suggested; but that more time will be required to make them, especially in the formation of a wreath for which there ought to be an original design and model, if it is determined to introduce such a change on the reverse of the coin; and that more time will be required for its adaptation and arrangement, for all which there does not appear to be room in the present emergency.

Very respectfully

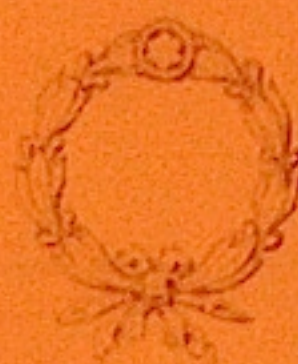
G. N. Eckert Esq.?
Director of the Mint

Yours S^{ch}
James B. Longacre

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Yr. oblv. The chasers will & do stop
in spite of our workmen having charge of
them. They must halt so that they
can't stop, and can not be stopped by
just working into the stop. I must ask
you to make the necessary alterations without
delay.

We also require the new engine without
delay, the present one being inadequate
to do our work.

Very Res. pply yours

Wm. W. Clark
Miner

Mrs. J. M. Matthews
Yr. oblv.

28 Feb '53

Barmer & Manufacturers Bank
Bangkok 25 March 1853

United States Mint

I would like to have say

1000 Dols. in Half Dols.

1000. " Quarter Dols.

500. " in Dimes & Half Dimes

2500. Dols. of the new coinage, and beg leave
to inquire at what time you will be prepared
to deliver it, and will then forward to you that
amount in Gold coin, by the American Express
Company. Do you receive American Gold coin
in exchange for the new coinage

Very Respectfully

J. M. Davis
Cashier

25 March 1853

By order of the Board of Directors
J. M. Davis, Cashier

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 1 March 1853

Sir,

Having been informed that the President
approves of the appointment of assistants to
the Assayer, the Chief Carrier, and the Melter
& Refiner, as recommended by me some time
since, I have now the honor to nominate for
those offices the following gentlemen, viz;

Andrew Mason to be Second Assistant Assayer
John H. Taylor to be Assistant Melter & Refiner
George W. Hall to be Assistant Carrier.

As I have before stated these gentlemen are now
performing the principal duties which will devolve
upon them by virtue of their appointments to office,
being compensated by wages instead of salary.

I propose that each assistant shall receive
\$1200 per annum, and give bond in \$5000.

Very respectfully,
Your obt^d Serv^t

Wm. Thomas Corwin
Secy of the Treas^y

Director

Magnetic Telegraph Company,
MORSE LINE,

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; prepare; use an electric pen; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as for convenience.

Offices in Philadelphia, Quincy Granite Building, 101 Chestnut Street and No. 74 South Third Street.

Offices in NEW YORK No. 5 Hanover Street, and 203 Broadway, below Fulton Street.
" WILMINGTON Glavin's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
" BALTIMORE Sun Tree Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH,

Dated..... Washington Mar 1 1858.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, Mar 1 1858 11:15 a.m. 3c

J. N. Beckert

Director of the Mint.

Send an official
nomination of the three
assistants and they will
be confirmed

W L Hoag

13/39 D. S.
Mr

House of Representatives
Washington March 1. 1833
Evening

Dear Sir,
The Senate has adopted as an amendment to the Civil & Diplomatic Appropriation Bill, a plan offered by Gov. Fish of New York, a plan establishing an Allog Office in New York with a Mint Agency. — The Agency is just the plan which you transmitted to me — The Allog is an addition, which I did not ask any Senator to oppose or consequence of your earnest suggestion — and I ought to add that Gov. Fish says that the Allog Office and Agency — I ought to satisfy New York and he really believes that we shall never hear any thing more of a Mint in that City. — This is in accordance with your views, and with those of some New York members to whom I had spoken.

I am very truly yours

Wm Chandler

Philad. Mar. 3. 1853
Hon. Jas. M. Chandler

Dear Sir,

~~I received your~~
favor this morning stating that the amend-
ment offered by Gov. Fish for the establishment
of a mint agency with an assay office had
passed the Senate - I find however by
to days papers that this amendment pro-
vides also for the establishment of a refining
department and for matting bars or Disks.

The N. Yorkers therefore have all that be-
longs to a mint, except the right to make
coin, which, as a matter of course they expect
to get hereafter - The truth of the matter
is that Fish, Briggs, Brooks &c have most
effectually gulled poor Philad. again -

I furnished you with such a bill as
the N. Yorkers were entitled to - That Bill
differs most vitally from the Gov. amendment

I say this because you think the amend-
ment of the Gov. and the bill I sent you
were one and the same thing. This is a
shocking mistake

Very truly Yours
(Signed) Geo. W. Eckert

Philadelphia 8 March 1853

Dear Sir,

I have received (yesterday) your letter dated the 28th ult., respecting the proper change of devices in the silver coin, under the late law.

Before I finally make up my mind as to the various suggestions which have been made, or communicate officially with the Department, I should be pleased to receive from you the following information, namely, as to the time which would be necessary to introduce the rays into the ^{1/2}^d quarter-dollar, and to alter the dates of the whole series, leaving the width of the time half dime unaltered; also as to the time which would be requisite for altering the reverse of the whole series by introducing crests, with the denomination & date enclosed, removing the date from the obverse; finally as to the assistance which you would require in either case.

You will confer an obligation by as early a reply to these requests as convenient.

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. W. Elbert,

Director

Mr. P. Longacre, Esq.,
Engraver, &c.

Mint of the United States, Philad.^a March 4.
1853

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday, and hasten to answer your inquiries; so far as circumstances enable me on the instant.

Should the assistance which you have authorized me to obtain, be available at the time I have reason to expect; I think the alterations I have proposed on the reverse dies; the completion of hubs therefrom to supply the working dies, and the altered form of the dates on the obverse dies; (in the absence of any unforeseen obstruction) can all be accomplished in about eight weeks; it may be a few days more or less.

To the other inquiry embracing an entire change in the reverses of the whole series, I cannot give so definite an answer for the following reasons.

1. No model or design has yet been made, or approved, from which a calculation can be made of the amount of labour that would be necessary.
2. More time would certainly be required in the proper adjustment of the work to meet the requisitions of the coining department.
3. The risks of delays from casualties would be materially increased.

I can merely conjecture, that the practical completion of such a change would consume more than twice the time that would be required by

the alterations I had proposed in my last.

Very Respectfully

G. H. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint

Your obt. servt. &c.
Samuel M. Engle

D. C. March 5.th On receiving to your letter this morning
I perceive your first inquiry precludes any change in the
courses of the dime and half dime — This, it is proper to
observe, would probably make a gain in the saving of time
on my estimate, of two weeks; as in that case, new tools
would not be required for three dies.

S. M. E.

Mint of the United States
Philad: 7 Mar. 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 4th inst. relative to the re-organization of your office, and to the proposed alteration of dies. With regard to the views expressed by you in relation to the former subject I have no remarks to make at the present time, preferring to await the presentation by you of details of a plan, as requested in my letter of the 22^d ult., to which I now renew your early attention. With regard to your remarks upon the time requisite for adaptation in the dies, the information you present is not precisely what I desired, perhaps owing to some indefiniteness in my letter of enquiry. I therefore renew my question, in a more definite form.

1. Supposing that you have no assistance, beyond what may be obtained in the Mint, what time will you require to prepare matrices or original dies for the quarter-dollar, containing in addition to the present devices, rays to the eagle on the reverse, and daggers at the date on the obverse; and what time, in addition, will be necessary to procure hubs from those dies.

2. The same question as to dies for the half-dollar.

3. Supposing no assistance, please state the time necessary for altering the date to the original for the dime; and what additional time will be requisite for procuring a hub.

4. The same question as to the half-dime.

5. Finally please state what saving of time will

be effected, in each case, by the procurement of the assistance which you have asked for.

You are requested to commence without delay, and to prosecute with all possible diligence, ^{the} and extraction of the dies for the quarter dollar as above particularized, and then proceeding, in order, with the Half-dollar, Dime, and Half-Dime.

Very respectfully

Geo W Eckert

Director

James B. Longacre & Co.
Engravers.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 10 Mar. 1853.

Sir,

In the gold of California there is contained a notable proportion of silver, which it is the practice of the Mint to separate for the depositor. We estimate the value of such silver at the legal rate of a dollar to each 412½ grains standard so separated, make certain legal deduction therefrom for the expense of parting, and pay the difference to the depositor in gold coins, our custom being to add such difference, or the net value of the silver, to the value of the gold deposit, and the whole in one sum and by one warrant.

Since the rise in the intrinsic value of silver bullion, our practice in this particular has been excepted to as illegal and unjust; illegal, because such silver must be locked upon in the light of a silver deposit, and can now for only properly be paid in coins of the same metal; unjust because the Mint valuation of silver being below the market rate, depositors are, without their consent, deprived of a profit which would accrue to them were the payment made in silver coins, might for might. Each 412½ grains weight of silver, which the Mint values at, & pays with, a dollar of gold, is in fact marketable at \$1.04 in gold.

Notwithstanding this apparent injustice, my impression, on the first serious investigation of this question was that the practice of the Mint was legally correct, and the grounds of my conviction were stated at large in a com-

pendence which I had the honor to enclose to the Department on the 23^d of November last. Subsequently, Remo. or, I saw reason to doubt the correctness of my views as first expressed; and on the 27th of Jan. last, I returned to the subject; and requested the authority of the Department to pay for silver parted in silver coins. The Secretary, in a letter of the 31st Jan., declined to give instructions, till the action of Congress on the new silver coinage bill should be taken. Since then, not only has that bill been passed, but by subsequent legislation it has been made to take effect on the 1st prox^o; so that in so far as it affects the question now under discussion, the shortness of time thus allowed must be my apology for troubling you with this subject.

I presume that the Secretary entertained a disinclination to pay for silver parted in silver coins at the rate of $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains to the dollar because such coins would, in fact, never have gone into circulation, but have been exported or melted with a view to profit. It was probably his intention, on the passage of the new silver bill, to authorize the payment of silver parted in the half dollar, and parts, therein authorized, that is at the rate of 384 grains to the dollar, worth, at which rate, if any such coins will remain in circulation.

But such a mode of payment would not, probably, remove the dissatisfaction of the depositors. What they desire is to receive back, in coin or bullion, the same weight of silver that they deposited. To give to the depositor in payment of his dollar of silver bullion, weighing $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains two half dollars weighing but 384 grains

and

would be no more just than to pay him in a dollar
of gold worth say 384 grains.

But if even the depositors made no objection, it
would appear that, by the 5th section of the silver bill of
Feb. 21, 1853 such a payment is unauthorized. By that
section deposits by individuals, payable in the half dol-
lar and parts, are prohibited. Now the only ground on
which silver parted from gold can be recognized and
paid for is, that it is a silver deposit. If the gold de-
posit be by any other than the Treasurer of the Mint,
then the silver contained in it, is not payable, as I construe
the section, in silver coins other than the dollar, except
ing, of course, fractions less than that amount, which by
necessity must be paid in fractional coins.

The question as to the proper mode of paying for sil-
ver parted from gold appears to me, therefore, to be narrowed
to this alternative: shall it be paid for in gold coins, or
in silver dollars. My own impression is that it should be
paid in the latter coins. Nevertheless such will be the an-
noyance growing out of that mode of payment that I
should be well pleased if the Department could arrive
at a different conclusion. We should have, probably, to
issue double warrants for the payment of each deposit;
one for the gold, another for the silver contained in it;
at least if separate warrants were not required separate
payments would be necessary. Moreover, such silver dollars
are being, on account of their enhanced market value
only a merchantable commodity, would be received
by the depositor only to be sold again, and most

prob-

ably to the Mint itself: so that not only could we have, by one transaction, to pay for the silver paid but by another we should be called upon to purchase it back.

I have now respectfully to ask of you a decision upon the question now presented to you. You will probably find in my correspondence of Nov. 23rd last, and on 27, all the points presented which have a bearing on the matter.

I may mention that the decision of another question incidentally depends on your views upon this subject. By the 6th section of the silver bill a coinage charge of one half percent is imposed on all coin except fractions of a dollar. If silver paid is paid for in silver dollars, of course a deduction of half percent therefrom must be made. If paid in gold, I presume, considering that we thus deprive the depositor of all premium on his silver bullion, it would not be thought proper also to charge him a coinage rate on the gold coins thus exchanged for his silver.

It is proper to add that the preparation of new forms & abstracts for to meet the changes which take effect on the 1st of April, is delayed till the views of the Department can be obtained upon the subjects of this communication.

I have the honor to remain
yours very respectfully

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treas.

Wm. A. Hunt

Director

Chicago March 3-1883
C. C. Felt Esq
Kind Sir enclosed
please find draft for \$5.00 for which
please send us three cent pieces
and oblige
Yours Truly
L. J. May

\$5.00

Dear Lady

Dear Mary

305 Broadway

New York March 2^d 1853

Sir Inclosed you have a draft
for one hundred & fifty dollars, which
I wish you to return the amount in
three cents pieces. If not imme-
diately please acknowledge the
receipt of this. Respectfully Yours Geo. S. Cook

Geo. S. Cook Esq. }
Tr. Union Trust }
Philad. }

P2 Adams 46^o E/ny
Sent June 31

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia March 4
1853

Dear Sir

I am pleased to be able to express my gratification at the tenor of your communication of the 22^d ult. in reply to the suggestions made by me on the 3th ~~inst~~ ult. and to find that your views coincide with those I had long entertained respecting the proper claims of my office.

I have never been able to see why there should not be as strong a line of demarcation established between the duties of the Chief Coiner and those of the Engraver; as between those of the Chief Coiner and the Melter and Refiner and Assayer. Such a course besides being more in accordance with the legal responsibilities of the respective officers, would tend to enhance mutual consideration, and prevent collisions of feeling, and the consequent embarrassment of official intercourse.

As an officer I have forbore to complain of the neglect of my position and legal rights, for the sake of peace; but I have felt it, not the less intensely; and although not with my consent, it has operated to the prejudice of the public service.

The time has now arrived however, when such irregularities should be corrected. The Mint of the United States of America, is not now the feeble exponent of National Sovereignty that it was some years ago; and as a universal

and public expression of that sovereignty the face of the coinage should claim for itself the control of a department not crippled in its resources, appliances or proper machinery, or held in questionable or indefinite relation to another department, the obligations and responsibilities of which, are, or ought to be, materially distinct.

The views I venture thus candidly to express are not the result of any personal impulse; they arise from the mature and calm consideration of what is due at once to the national respect and welfare, and the relative importance of the office I hold, in the regard of an intelligent public.

With respect to the specific changes you propose, I will say without hesitation, that to a certain extent, the aid to be found in the coining department, as now arranged, might prove to be (and probably would be) the best suited to carry out my views; but at the same time, I must on principle object to the restriction that such a limitation would impose: to perfect the objects to be achieved, would very probably require a kind of skill that is not now considered essential in that department, and has not been called into requisition; of this I ought to be permitted to use the same discretion as is delegated to other officers, under the sanction

of course, of the Director.

The machinery necessary for proving the dies in the course of preparation, should be at all times under the untrammelled control of the Engraver; together with the material that may be requisite for such purposes.

With the concession of these principles, there ought to be no difficulty in arranging the details essential to the result in question. And once effectively arranged, the advantage to the character and efficiency of the institution, I cannot but believe, would be generally apparent.

G. N. Eckert Esq.
Director of
the Mint.

With much respect

I remain Sir

James B. Longacre

Notice.

The Treasurer of the Mint gives notice that he is prepared to make purchases of silver coin and bullion, delivered at the Mint, on the following terms:

For dollars of Spain, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, and Brazil (re-stamped); for francs; for United States silver coins other than the three-cent, the price paid will be \$1.21 an ounce.

For thalers of Sweden and the Northern States of Germany \$1.01 an ounce.

For silver in bars, \$1.21 per ounce of standard fineness (nine-tenths) as determined by assay at the Mint.

These prices exceed the latest London quotation for silver.

The payment will be made in gold coin, or in silver coin of new emission, at the option of the seller. If the supply of the latter coin should be insufficient to meet the ^{immediate demand} ~~payments required~~ ^{as the silver coin is returned}, the payment will be made in gold, and ^{the seller will have} ~~the bill of exchange~~ ^{preferred} ~~it will be exchanged for gold with the~~ ^{preferred} ~~seller, giving priority~~ ^{priority} according to the order of time in which priority in the sales to the Mint.

It is expected that an ^{emission} ~~issue~~ of new quarter-dollar will be made early in April. The other ~~present~~ ^{present} denominations will be ~~issued~~ ^{issued} delayed somewhat longer.

Chief of the United States,
Philadelphia 12th ~~Oct~~ ^{Nov} 1853.

der,

Set, Mr. Th. with the act of Dec. 21, 1853, which vests all the Department in reference to the adoption of some plan for procuring silver bullion, at the mint, for coinage into the new silver coins authorized by the act passed Feb. 21, 1853, its reply having yet been received, and the time at which that act goes into force having been fixed for the first prox. by the 7th section of the Deficiency Bill, I again recur to the subject.

for partial explanation of the suggestions of my letter above referred to I may state that it is the opinion of many well informed persons, that notwithstanding there is a very small amount of silver in circulation, there is a considerable quantity hoarded away by banks and others, which would be brought to light if it could, not only be sold at the current premium, but also replaced by silver coin of the same nominal value.

Should this be so, the questions to be decided are as to the manner in which the purchase by the Unit shall be made, and the price which shall be offered?

The usual method of selling silver is by tale, or a premium added proportioned to its enhanced value, above gold coin, in the market. For the purposes of the Mint this is objectionable. When coin is much in, a premium which might be fair enough when

offered for new coin, or coin of full weight, would be exorbitant. No doubt, therefore, we should have imposed upon us, by purchasing at a fixed premium by tale, a large quantity of the light coin in circulation. Besides, the Mint would be put to the necessity of examining all coin offered for sale, involving much trouble, expense, and dispute. Moreover, different rates of premium would have to be fixed for different classes of coin in circulation.

Purchasing by weight will, however, exceedingly simplify matters, both for the Mint and the seller. It so happens that nearly all the silver coin in the country, or likely to reach it, is of the same quality or fineness, - whether Mexican, S. American, U. States, or French coins. We can therefore offer a uniform price per ounce.

If purchasing by weight should be determined on, the next consideration is as to price. The variations in the price of bullion, though considerable in long periods are but trifling in short ones; so that if we now offer a fixed price, conformed to the general market rate, it is not likely that our price would soon have to be altered, perhaps not for several months. The advantage of having a fixed price, in place of concluding a separate bargain, with a varying price, in our purchases of silver, is that we can by publishing the terms reach a larger circle of parties willing to avail themselves of them.

I presume it will be thought fair and sufficient to offer a price for silver, equal to what it now bears

in London. That is the great Bullion market of the world, whither a great part of the silver purchased in our market has, of late years, been destined. I can see no sufficient reason why Bullion should be ever held at a low price here. - It is now more, although lately it has been slightly enhanced among us, above the London rate. I assume that this is only a temporary effect, and therefore propose the London rate as our basis.

From Jan'y 1 to the latest advice, the average price of Mexican dollars in London was $4\frac{11}{16}$ per ounce; this is a small fraction less than \$1.21, estimating the pound sterling at $\$4.86\frac{1}{2}$, though it that is an extreme limit of valuation. The price named corresponds to a premium here of 4 percent on new half dollars. The standard of U.S. silver, francs, and S. American dollars corresponding, very nearly, to that of Mexican, of course the same price per ounce may be offered for them.

With your permission, I therefore propose to instruct the Treasurer of the Mint to issue an advertisement in the following form.

The Treasurer of the Mint gives notice that he is prepared to make purchases of silver coin and Bullion, delivered at the Mint, on the following terms, viz.

For dollars of Spain, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili and Brazil (re-stamped); for francs; for United States silver coins, other than the three-cent, the

price paid will be \$1.21 an ounce gross.

For thalers of Sweden and the Northern States of Germany, \$1.01 an ounce.

For silver in bars, \$1.21 for each ounce at standard fineness ($\frac{9}{10}$ ths) as determined on assay at the Mint.

These prices exceed the latest London quotations for Silver.

The payment will be made in gold coins, or in silver coins of new ^{when ready for delivery} emission, at the option of the seller. Parties furnishing silver to the Mint according to the terms of this notice, will receive a preference, in exchanges for the new silver coin, according to the order of priority of their sales to the Mint.

It is expected that an emission of new quarter dollars will be made early in April, and pieces of the other denominations not long after.

The prices herein fixed will continue until further public notice.

— — — Treasurer

By the 7th Section of the Deficiency Bill, you are authorized to fix the devices of the new silver coin authorized by the act of Feb. 21. It is certainly desirable, in many respects, that new devices for that coinage should ultimately be introduced; but the very short period which remains to the time fixed for the act to go into operation, and the extreme impatience of the community to receive silver change, seem to me to for-

And, at this time, any further alterations of the devices than will distinguish the new from the old coinage. Some slight modifications of the obverse and reverse of our present dies have, therefore, been ordered by me, not impairing the general effect, but sufficiently discriminative to be readily marked by the eye. On the reverse of the half and quarter dollar, a glory (technically called) or a circle of rays will be placed above or behind the eagle; on the obverse, a modification of the date will be made, by inserting an ornament on each side. For the dime & half-dime no other change than the last mentioned is proposed.

I must press upon you the importance of an early reply to so much of this communication as relates to the purchase of silver. I should be pleased also to learn whether you think any further change in the devices, than such as I have mentioned, indispensable at the present time.

Very respectfully
your old & servt

Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury.

Illinois River Bank.

Peoria, Ill., March 1st 1858

Edw. C. Hale Esq.

U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

Herewith send
\$1519 in Massachusetts & Sheldon New York
for \$1500 for which please send me
by first express, to my address three
cent pieces

Very truly
Edw. C. Hale

\$1500

Recd March 17/

Chicago, March 9, 1853

Prof. W. C. C. C.
Per for

The time specified in
our contract for supplying the U. S. Navy
with coal has expired the last of this month.

Last spring we took the contract to let
and the consequence is that we have lost
money by the operation. We have supplied you
with the best coal that could be procured
from the Lake region and have given
entire satisfaction. As the Engineer & Fireman
with A. S. P. We wrote you a note some time
since stating that we intended putting in
our proposal next year of \$11.25 per ton. That
was based upon the supposition that the
Coal could be bought at the same price as
last year. Owing to the profligate condition
of the Iron trade. Lump and Steamboat
Coal has advanced 25¢ per ton and Tolls
on Lake and St. Louis River Canal 11¢
making 36¢. We cannot buy the kind of
Coal you want under \$3.75 along side the
wharf. We shall therefore put in proposals
of \$11.50 per ton. We hope you will give it
due consideration. We are quite out of lump
and Steamboat Coal and will have to give

you off coal until the Schuyler Canal opens
Lump St. Lk. can not be procured in this
market.

Yours Respectfully
Warley M. Cord

28 Walnut St.

P.S.
Should our proposition be
accepted, please inform us at your
earliest convenience so that we can
make the necessary arrangements to
procure coal.

W M C

Proposal for supplying the United States
Mint with anthracite coal from April 1853 to April 1854.

We will deliver at the mint of the United
States District all the anthracite coal that may
be required from the first day of April 1853
to the first day of April 1854 at the rate
of four dollars fifty cents per ton, to be delivered
in such quantities and at such times as they
may require.

The coal to be of the best quality Schuyler
Spring Mountain Steamboat Coal from State
and all impurities. The same that we have
delivered heretofore.

Warley M. Cord
28 Walnut St.

Minist of the United States,
Philadelphia 20 April 1853

Sir,

The Act made by you for furnishing to the Minist,
at its convenience may require, the best Spring-Heads
Ohio & High Coal, at four dollars, forty cents the
ton of 2240 pounds, is hereby accepted. This rate
is to continue for one year from this date.

Very respectfully

V. M. Pettit

Director

W. L. & M. C. Cord.
28 Chestnut St.

Gland Rapids March 9/53
O C Jule Day
Museum of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Enclosed please find
our light gift on inc & 30 N.Y.
for 240. And for amt in get skins
to express to M. D. Cobbley Express agent
Halamacoo Michigan
Yours truly
Daniel Sells

590 — name 2 k 6

Dist. March 22/

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia
March 7th 1853

Dear Sir

I proceed to answer, without delay, the questions in your letter of this day just received.

To the 1.st question: relative to the Quarter dollar, calculating from my past experience: eight working days would be sufficient for the dies; and fourteen for the hub: supposing I shall have no interruption.

To the 2.^d— The variation of time would not be material from that required for the same work on the Quarter dollar.

I am not sure that I perfectly understand your meaning in the 3.^d & 4.th questions, relative to the Dime and Half dime. If no further alteration is proposed, than that of the date on the obverse, similar to the Half and Quarter dollar: the additional time required will not be important: as it was not my intention, at the present to make new hubs for the obverse dies: but to put in the distinguishing marks on the working dies: as they might be required. Although I should prefer if time allowed and I had sufficient aid, to make new hubs for these also.

It is proper to remark that the large number of working dies for the general service of the Mint, now required almost daily, must necessarily interrupt the operations of my own hand; and it was with a view that the work for the new coinage might proceed steadily and independently of this and similar contin-

gencies, that I have under the authority received from you
some days ago, entered into negotiations for assistance.

To the 3rd question - I would say, that the assistance
I had contemplated, would be but slightly available on
the work required for the original dies; but on the hubs
to be made: I presume that, with such assistance, two
hubs could be finished in the same time that would
otherwise be required for one alone.

Any farther information or explanations you may
desire, I shall be happy to communicate on the instant
I am made acquainted with your wishes.

J. N. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

James B. Longacre

Wm of Binghamton
Feb 26 1855
C. Dale & Son.

Dear Sir.

I enclose herin
my dft on Nanorok Dls N.Y. \$300.
For which please send me three
cent pieces by Express as before
Yours respectfully
Wm R. Osborn Cashier

Sent Jan 21

The City Bank,

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14, 1853

E C Dale Esq. Treasr.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please
find our draft for \$300 on the Metro-
politan Bank N.Y. for which you will
oblige us by remitting three cent piece.
all former remittances rec'd

Yours Very Resptl

J D Bradley Esq.

Sent Feb 23

Boston March 9. 1853.

Sir, Enclosed you will find a Bank
Ift for one hundred twenty Dollars, which
you will please exchange for Three cent Coins
and forward by either Express to,
C. C. Dale Esq.
For W. L. Hunt
Phil,

Your Obedt. Servt.
Philip W. Penty
Eastern Railroad Ticket

Receipts RR
3173 Boston Dec 9/ 1853
Wm Shaw Secy
Phil

\$ 120

Recd Dec 15/

Minister of the United States

Philad^a, Oct. 29, 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to send to transmit a copy of the estimate for the Mint and Branch-Mints and Assay Office at Philadelphia, sent to the Register of the Treasury, and also the grounds upon which these estimates are based.

The estimate and recommendations embrace the current fiscal year for the Branch-Mint at San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York. The process created by the act of March 3, 1853 c 96 § 7. the latter by the act of March 4, 1853 c 97. The creation of these new branches of the Mint greatly increases the difficulty of making proper estimates. You cannot state the amount of business which may be done in San Francisco, nor in New York, but I have given the subject the most careful consideration and examination; the result of which I send present to you. The mint never in actual operation of the Branch-Mint developed before the acceptance of the new Congress, and of our

estimates ~~perhaps~~ ^{near} inaccurate it can be
made the subject of a special communication
from the Department.

Branches I received to day. It appears to me to
require some reduction: in reference to which
I will probably address you hereafter, when I
have heard from the Capt. ~~but~~ but I could
not longer delay sending these estimates.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel H. Johnson
Lieutenant.

Dear James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Philad @ November 18, 1853.

Sir,

In the year 1850 or '51. Monty Lewis applied to the proper Court in Pennsylvania for a divorce from his wife Sarah S. Lewis. Subsequently to that application made. Lewis was again married here to a gentleman of this City and by information received from various sources he is induced to believe that the last marriage was solemnized previous to the decree of the Court of your City divorcing her from her first husband Mr. Lewis. If this is the fact, her subsequent marriage is null and void, and it is for the purpose of obtaining accurate information upon this point that I have addressed you this letter. The ground of Mr. Lewis application for a discharge from his matrimonial bonds was adultery, and if the Law of your State is similar in this respect to that of New York and other States of the Union, a decree of divorce ^{obtained} upon these grounds presents the convicted party from ever after entering the marriage state.

If you could be good enough to state precisely how your statute reads in this respect, and give me the actual date of the decree of divorce in the case referred to, ^{and me a copy thereof} whatever charges you may consider yourself entitled to, shall be ^{at once} forwarded upon the receipt of your reply to your address.

Respectfully,
22. B. If you should not do the above, I should apply for the information desired - by post to your Island address.

277. 1857

28. 5m

Chardon Branch County Ohio January 13th 1853
The Treasurer of the U.S. Mint Phil.

My Dear Sir

I wish to ascertain from you if Mr. A. Newman on the first day of January 1852 deposited at the Mint more than one parcel of bullion or California gold dust valued at \$2268.47. I have before me a copy of your certificate of that date for that amount. It has become quite important to know whether Mr. Newman has an other certificate or deposited more bullion than the above amount on the first day of January 1852 or at any other time during the years of 1851 or 1852. Please examine your books of those dates & inform me soon. Also inform what your fee is for your services in responding to my inquiry & the same shall be paid.

Respectfully

A. A. Thwaites

The certificate I have seems to be
numbered 22nd January 1st 1852 \$2268.47

Signe Edward C. Dale

By R. D. Daming

As you have not made any further
entry of the dep. mentioned on the 1st of Jan. further
further information we are not liberty to give without your

Spencer

July 5th 1855

United States Mint

I sent a small bag of ^{Gold} dust
containing 2 ounces & over. to express directed
to the United States Mint Philadelphia
& directed that, its worth, should
be returned in coin as soon as
convenient, by Express. I have heard
nothing from you since, will you
please inform me whether or not
you have received it & if so how
soon you can send me specie for
the same. I understood by a letter
from you some time since that
you would receive Gold dust on deposit
& forward its value in coin. I sent
it by Express about the 25th of January
will you please inform me on this
matter immediately.

Yours Respectfully
J. P. Mallory

Addrs. J. P. Mallory No 4 Postoffice Arcade

New York Nov 21st 1853
C. C. Davis Esq

Hand enclosed
Opt on order of the Treasurer of
the State of New York
for which please remit us as soon as
possible the sum amount to three cents
per annum

Yours truly

Robert B. Davis

Russ & Wheeler
27 Wall St

Dear Sir

BANKING HOUSE
LUTHER, CRALL & CO.

Exchange constantly for sale, Interest paid on Time Deposits, Bills Discounted, Coin Bought and Sold, and prompt attention given to Collections

Atland, Ohio, March 9, 1853.

A. E. C. Gale Esq. Dr. Sir

*Enclosed please find an
 OK on Messrs. Morgan & Co. New York for \$1000.
 Please send us the amt. in three cert. pieces. Care C. C. & C.
 Rail Road, San. London Ohio (via Cleveland).*

*Yours Truly
 Luther Crall & Co.*

*#667- Ex Bank of Atland
 Atland O. March 9/53*

*\$1200 Atwood & Son Esq.
 New York*

Per Mr. S. S.

Albion March 5th 1853

Officers of the Mint

Sent.

We have information that the banks of this city (and elsewhere) are unable to procure a supply of gold dollars adequate to the public demand under the law prohibiting the re-issue of notes of a less denomination than five dollars. A communication from the Bank of Commerce in New York, to the Merchants Bank of this city, states that, a personal effort by the former, to procure a supply of gold dollars for the latter, in New York, had totally failed; that the Sub Treasury could not furnish any, having refused several demands within the preceding 48 hours, and adding that, they have "absolutely disappeared" and are taken up for exportation to England.

We desire to trouble you for information as to the possibility of procuring gold dollars from the mint. What quantity can be supplied, and whether the coinage will be regulated by the demand. What is likely to be the coinage for the present month, and if the capacity of the mint is equal to any considerable increase over the present demand. Any other information

you may think proper to communicate upon
this topic we shall be gratified to receive, and
by before our departure.

Office, Balt. Am.
Baltimore Md.

Very Respectfully
E. S. Abell Co.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 1863.

Gent^{le},

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, in which you set forth the difficulties experienced in procuring a supply of small gold adequate to the public demand which has arisen in consequence of the temporary halting of the issue of notes under five dollars, and enquiring what may be expected from the Mint in this emergency.

In reply I have to say that measures had already been taken for a largely increased coinage of the small gold, and I have no doubt that within a few months the public demand will be entirely met. Nevertheless, it will not be possible for us, with the force at present engaged in the Mint to meet, without some delay, the sudden pressure which has been thrown upon us by the requirements for small gold. In this, as in every other manufacturing, our force must be organized not with a view to meet a rare & temporary demand, but the uniform & continued demand of the public. At the present time, I doubt if a doubling of our machinery & force would suffice to supply, without delay, the immediate wants of Maryland. Yet if we were so to increase our power, we should find in a few weeks, that the machinery would become useless, and the hands idle. And if such an increase were not so justifiable and proper we have no pecuniary resources adequate thereto. I must beg, therefore, that

our circumstances to fairly considered, and that a reasonable time be allowed to us to supply an adequate amount of small coinage.

In the past two years there has been issued from the Mint twelve millions in gold dollars & quarter-eagles, an amount which forced much in excess of the demand at that time, as we had serious inconvenience owing to the disinclination of the depositors at the Mint to receive such small gold in payment of their gold bullion. For the greater part of last year we had nearly a million surplus in the Treasury in such small gold, thus in a measure unavailable. At present the state of things is different, but there is no reason to think it will not soon be corrected.

This letter is written in much haste, and is for your private information, not for the public.

Very respectfully

your obt. servt

Geo. N. Eckert

Director

J. S. Allen & Co.
Baltimore.

Balt. Sun
10 Mar '73

...only await the
with an earnest sympathy with the principles
and republican instincts of every oppressed people.

THE GOLD DOLLAR AND BANK NOTES.—A letter has been placed before us from an authentic source, stating that the Mint in Philadelphia is prepared to employ the whole force of the establishment in the coinage of the dollar piece, and that it will be enabled to turn out 50,000 per day, of which one half can be appropriated to the Baltimore demands, if it should be made. There is no longer any ground of excuse, therefore, in this quarter, for the non-compliance with the law of Maryland. The opportunity can be improved by our banks, to withdraw their small issues from circulation; but whether they will do so is somewhat doubtful question. That they receive their small notes is true, when they are carried in; but in one instance, at least, we are assured, they have been again paid out.

There is with some people a sort of infatuation, by which they are brought into complete subjection to a paper dynasty. They would shut up everything like specie from the public eye, and we doubt not prefer the ghost of a five shadowed-out upon paper, to the thing itself. And they would heroically wage a modern civil war—that is on paper—in vindication of the sufficiency of the ghost, rather than suffer the original substance to glide into the hands of the people. They would twist, gable, and, if possible, defy the laws of this land, rather than countenance the restoration and establishment of a specie currency. They would commend the banks for violating the law, and, no doubt, rebuke the mint for providing the means of observing it, rather than see the gold and silver thoroughly diffused throughout the channels of trade, and the masses of the people in the habitual use of it. With perversity of this sort, we suppose the people have little sympathy; certainly, we have none.

THE SMALL NOTE LAW.—The salutary effect of this law are already beginning to show themselves. The Centreville Sentinel states that in that place the law has generally been observed, and silver and gold are gradually beginning to make their appearance, and it predicts that the day is not far distant when the cry for silver change will be no longer heard, but that every man of business will have some to spare, without being forced to pay a premium for it. The Rockville Journal, a paper which opposed the enactment of the law, has, since its passage, strenuously urged its readers to observe its provisions. This is in striking contrast with the course pursued by some of the journals of the State, which are urging the people to set the law at defiance.

IRON TOWER.—Iron will be the great material for

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 7th Mar 1853

Sir,

You are hereto requested to furnish
the Mint, ~~with the~~ ^{with} twelve thousand
and a half of copper planchets, for which
we will pay, as already stated to one of your
firm, the price of 42 cents a hundred. You
will not mind refusing a larger quantity
unless further ordered.

You should make the proposed planchets
as light as is consistent with law, or we shall
be coining copper at a loss. The cast is of legal
weight of 168 grains. If you aim at 163 grains,
we shall avoid loss, and you are requested so
to do.

Very respectfully

Wm W. Eckert.

Director

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Trenton,
N.J.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 10 Mar 1853

Dear Sir,

The Director of the Mint (temporarily absent from the city) has requested me to address to you an inquiry whether you would be able, in the course of a week or two, to give your services to the Mint for the purpose of making such punches or dies as may be required under late laws of Congress, relative to the issue from the Mint of disks, ingots, or new coins. If you can do so, please also state whether you would be able to visit the Mint, for instructions and information, and how soon, and for how long a time you could give us your services.

It may be very possible that your assistance ^{will be} promptly informed, so that your business would not suffer from the uncertainty. Some experiments, which will be soon completed, will be necessary to determine the extent of the assistance required.

Edw^d Stabler,
Sandy Springs, Md.

Very respectfully
Robert Patterson
for the Director

Chicago Nov 11/23

Sir

Please find us by the American Express Co.
three cent success for the amount of enclosed
dft for thirty dollars & oblige

Truly Yours
Wm Reed Geo

To Secretary of U.S. Court
Philadelphia
Pa

P.S. The earlier we get the above the greater obligation
will be felt by

Wm Reed Geo

Chicago Marine & Fire Insurance Company
Chicago 11 Dec
nam 200000

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Madison & Sheldon
New York

Bill of 4 100

Remt Dec 22/

Respect. friend
Sandy Spring 3/18 53

Robt. Patterson My favour of the 10th inst. came
last evening in my return from Balt.

I have reflected on the proposition, to render some
temporary aid at the Mint, in the construction of benches,
desir'd H. C. - should circumstances render it desirable -

Independent of my own particular business, it
adds the Presidency of a large Insurance Comp^y, which
at this season, requires, almost constant attention; This, to-
gether with the desire to relieve my eyes from such trying
employment, - particularly when limited as to time - does
not, so far as I can now see, admit of my rendering the
desir'd aid - My eyes are injured by such minute work
as I have long been engaged in; and I have found it necessary
to decline orders for elaborate steel or die work -

From the kind personal attention, said when
I have asked it, from all at the Mint, I have every
disposition to meet your wishes, did circumstances
enable me to do so in the manner desired -

Thy letter came on the day, but after I left for
Balt; had it reached here a day sooner, I might have gone to
Philad^a - as it is possible by seeing you, & knowing exactly what
is desired, might have arranged to give you a few weeks service.

I am very respectfully

Edw. T. Hall

New York, March 11, 1853.

Sir,

for the enclosed Check of Three hundred Dollars,
Please send me 3 Cent stamps, & Oblige

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Louis Levy.

433 Grand St.

To S. C. Paley Esq.

Treasurer.

\$ 300

of Maria Bunt
N. York March 11/

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John E. L. L.

New York 17/

Philadelphia March 18th/53

Understanding that a Night force
is about to ^{be} established in the U. S. Mint, and
as I am an applicant for ~~the~~ a situation there
I would feel great pleasure to receive one, if
there be a demand or vacancy in that case
in consequence of such an event, and would
refer for my character to my employers
with whom I have been above the period
of seven years, also Mr Joseph P. Engle of
the Pres. Board of Publication each of whom
have letters herewith, testifying my honesty &
Industry.

With great hopes for my
success, I am most Respectfully

Yrs. J. Griffiths
7 Diamond St.

New York March 16. 1853.

Dear Sir,
on Friday last 11 Inst. I sent you
a Check drawn by the Cash of Ward Park,
N.Y. for three hundred dollars, enclosed in a
letter, requesting you to send 3 Cent pieces.
Hope they have come to hand.

Yours &c
Lewis Lloyd.
433 Grand St.

To E. C. Dale Esq

Recd Dec 17/1

E. MORRISON & CO.

Exchange, Banking and Collection Office, 51 William Street, New York.

New York, Mar 19 1853

Geo N Eckert Esq.
Dear Sir

We have some five
thousand dollars in small Span
Coin say 1/8 and 1/6^{ts}. will the mint
take this and coin in the new
coinage say 1/20 1/10 quarters
and half dollars. and if so
what will be the cost and time
of delivery to any person we may
designate in Philadelphia Accounting
and asking early reply

Yours Very Respectly
E. Morrison & Co

ans. \$1.21 per 100
include postage as to
silver paid in coin
through bank or otherwise

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 16 Mar. 1857.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of this morning, I have to state that by the 3^d section of the Deficiency Appropriation Bill the "Act amendatory of existing laws relative to the half dollar" is to take effect from and after the first day of April next, consequently the mints of the silver coins, fractions of the dollar, will be changed from that date. We hope to be able to issue the new coins, or some denominations of them early in April.

By the 6th section of the act referred to a coinage charge, or seigniorage, of half percent is to be levied on all coin other than the fractions of the silver dollar, and also upon bars or ingots cast for depositors. This provision, so far as relates to bars or ingots, is modified by the 7th section of the Deficiency Bill so as to authorize a tariff for their manufacture commensurate only with the actual cost of the operation, which will undoubtedly be much less than half percent. But the charge fixed for coinage is not modified, and as the act goes into force on the 1st of April next, of course from that date a coinage rate of half percent will be levied on gold deposited at the mints to be coined.

In a very few days I expect to be able to give some definite information to the public of our intentions relative to the manufacture of ingots, bars, or disks of refined or of standard gold, stating the cost of making

ing the same, and the forms of application &c.
Very truly yours

Wm N. E. Hunt
Director

E. S. Sanford, Esq
(Adams St.)
Philad^a.

Gloucester Oct 22 1853

E. C. Dale Esq Sir

Enclosed we send off
on October 21st 1853 for One Hundred and
Twenty Dollars. Please send three out for the rest

Very Respectfully Yours

(W. S.) W. S. B. Smith

Yours truly
W. S. B. Smith

For Henry
Sick of Zouls

Mering & Co. Liverpool
 Received March 25 1855

To the Directors of
the Pennsylvania
Philadelphia

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prints that he plebe, and of buyers relating to silver
coins, is to be effected April 1; to be paid April 1.

I have the liberty of saying in the excellent period-
ical that you are acknowledged as well as your report of silver
cheque, for you say to these honest dollars

Our object is to supply the present wants of our
 customers, & you will do us the favour to keep me a
 line, I will write you a piece in a fortnight, to call &
 receive such counsel as you may be able to give us

Very respectfully,
Your obedt Servt.

W. Hunter.
H. Fisher

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Wachit Bank
C. B. Dab. Esq.
New York Mar 23rd 1853

I herewith enclose my check on
Philadelphia Bank for six hundred
dollars. please send me the amount
in three cent pieces

Y^r oblige servant,

R. A. Haydock
Cash

Recd Mar 26/

Treasurer United States Mint

Sir

Please send on receipt of the
enclosed by C. my account forty dollars in three
cent pieces & a bill

Respectfully Yours Truly

A. Murray

138 Lake Street Chicago 23 March 1853

14559

La Fayette St. St. Louis

Chicago 23 March 1853

Almanac Almanac
1854

\$40

from C. & G.

Best Mark 30f

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 23 Mar 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue
your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint,
for Twenty four thousand three hundred dollars
payable out of the appropriation for the current fis-
cal year, viz.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| For salaries of officers & clerks | \$ 8250.00 |
| • wages of workmen | 12500.00 |
| • incidental expenses | 6250.00 |
| • Specimens of Coins & Bars | 300.00 |
| | <u>\$ 24,300.00</u> |

Very respectfully
your obedient servant

Wm. D. B. 1.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury.

Philadelphia
Banking House of DREXEL & CO.
March 24th 1853.
Philadelphia
Dear Sir,

Your favor

received with

We enclose for collection and remittance when paid.

are you prepared to buy American $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars?

do - 1/4 - 5 -
at what time will the new silver coinage be ready
and will it be sent in exchange for gold free of cost
to any part of the U States

Very Truly Yours

DREXEL & CO.

*Transd. D.
Import
March 24*

New York March 24th 1855

Edward C. Dale Esq^r

Treasurer of U.S. mint

Philadelphia,

Dear Sir,

The secretary of treasury
tells us, that by the new law the purchase of
silver is to be done through you - so we beg to
offer you herewith \$100,000 One Hundred Thousand
ounces American silver (coined since 1837 and
being 900 fine) at \$122¹/₂ One Hundred and Twenty
two cents per ounce, deliverable here - your kind
attention to which we'll much oblige

116.30
5.51
122.11

Yours very respectfully

J. B. Breen

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia
24 Mar 1853

Gent,

In reply to your questions I state that we
will give \$1.21 each an ounce for American Silver;
that the new silver coins will be ready early in
April; that the coin will not be sent to any part
of the U. S., for good, free of cost.

Very respectfully
Yours obt^d serv^t

Wm W Eckert
Director

Drexel & Co
Phil^a

Ocean Bank,
Newburyport Nov 25 1853

P. C. Dale Esq Treasr
D. C. F.

Enclosing check on
Commercial Bank of Penna. Phila. \$500. for which
please send me same amount in three-cent pieces,
in small bags if convenient.

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Respy. Jas Stone, car.

Recd Dec 30

THE CITY BANK,

Chicago, March 25 - 1853.

E. C. Daley Esq. Treas.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find an
check Metropolitan Bank N. Y. for Three Hundred
Dollars - for which you will oblige us by remitting
to us three cent pieces.

Yours very Respd.

D. D. Bradley Cash

Sur. Apr 31/

SOUTHERN BANK OF INDIANA,

Terre Haute, March 25th 1853

E. L. Dale

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find
off on J. Thompson & Co. for \$400.00
for which please send to the Institution the same
amount in 3 cent coin

Yours very truly

W. E. Garrison

Terre Haute
Ind

Recd Apr 4/

Wm M Ma 25 1853

Dearest Friend

Will you pay
the enclosed of Mr. Threlkeld's
order. And in like amount
I can't promise is less \$30 if you
as soon as you can settle

Yours
R. D. Wheeler

sent Nick 30/

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,
BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; prepay; use no figures except dates—they cost money; give name, street, and number of the office addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

Offices in Philadelphia: Quincy Granite Building, 101 Chestnut Street and No. 74 South Third Street.

Offices in NEW YORK: No. 5 Hanover Street, and 303 Broadway, below Fulton Street.

" WILMINGTON: Glaxton's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.

" BALTIMORE: Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.

" WASHINGTON: National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington March 25 1853

Rec'd Philadelphia March 25 1853 11 min. P. M.

To P. G. A. Eckart

Director of the Mint

Sir You will please
return the two letters
addressed to you this
day by the department
without opening them

P. G. Washington
19/57, asst Secy of Treas
Yours

Boston March 24, 1853

Edw A. Dale Esq

Treas U.S. Mint

Sir

Enclosed you
have Willcocks & Co's draft on the
Citizens Bank for (\$150.00) One
hundred fifty dollars; which amounts
please remit in in three cent pieces
& oblige - very respy

Yours most Obl

George Turnbull

Chas W. Lempson

sent here 2 of

New York April 30/63
Dr. Sir

The enclosed Mint Receipt
No 1421, seems to be of 738 fineness
which we apprehend to be a mistake
and beg to call your attention to
the following — The deposit consisted

of 17 Ounces $16\frac{1}{2}$ carats = 669²⁷ bars
• 89 " $15\frac{1}{2}$ " = 627⁶⁰ bars
• 69 California Coin taken at 885 for average
• 31 " " dust " " 885 " "

206 Ounces, which if the above be
correct would bring it to 756 fineness.
Would you have the kindness to
assay the within two small samples
cut from the above bars, to see whether
perhaps their assay was wrong and you
will oblige your humble servant
J. Perreault

copy of Slip 1421 735
Specimen 16 1/2 — 19 1/2 Gms 714 1/2
15 1/16 627 134 1/2

Dept of the United States.
Philadelphia 29 Apr. 1853.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the
27th inst.

There can be no doubt that, under the present law
regulating the devices of the Gold Dollar, the introduction
of an annular form could not be justified. I supposed
that the inquiries of the Department in reference to this
subject had in view a recommendation of the matter to
Congress or I would have pointed out the legal difficulty
in my former letter.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Oast Scott.

(signed) T. M. Scott

Director.

Hon. Jas. Guthrie.
Sec. of Treasury.
Washington

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C. C. Dale Esq.

Treas. De

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New York

Very Resp. 4

Charles W. D. 7

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Custom House
Collectors Office
Savannah 27 April 1853

Sir

I herewith transmit Transfer Draft
No 345 for \$920 received in 3 Cent Coins, which
said Draft is endorsed as requested by you in
yours of the 22^d inst. and am

Very respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt

John Barton

Depository

C. C. Wall Esquire
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
April 24. 1852.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 25th inst with the specimen in silver of the American gold dollar. The design is approved by the Department. But, permit me to ask does not the provision in the 1st Sect. of the Act of 3rd March 1834 prohibit any alteration in the device except the omission of the Eagle on the reverse.

I am very Resp^t.

James Guthrie

Sec of the Treasury

J. M. Pettit Esq^r

Director of the Mint
Philad^a

A. Statement of the coinage of the Mint of the United States, at the
 a. receipt, and its branches, during the first quarter of the year 1855.

| | Receipt | Adm. | Exp. | Total |
|---------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Philadelphia | \$17,434,475 | \$ 369,300 | \$ 9,075 | \$17,812,850 |
| St. Louis | 970,000 | 5,000 | | 975,000 |
| San Francisco | 74,100 | | | 74,100 |
| San Diego | 112,500 | | | 112,500 |
| Total | \$18,591,075 | \$ 374,300 | \$ 9,075 | \$18,974,450 |

B. Comparative statement of the deposits of gold, at the Mint & branches, dur-
 ing the first quarter of the years 1851, 1852, & 1853.

| | 1851 | 1852 | 1853 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Philadelphia | \$10,732,341. | \$10,757,557. | \$15,336,447 |
| St. Louis | 212,845 | 275,608 | 140,721 |
| San Francisco | \$10,944,726 | \$11,029,160 | \$15,477,219 |
| San Diego | 3,667,075. | 1,534,071. | 450,030 |
| St. Louis | 82,287 | 51,292 | 24,025 |
| San Francisco | \$3,740,815 | \$1,590,363 | \$4,055 |
| San Diego | 46,417. | 104,522. | 60,433 |
| St. Louis | 58,744. | 62,595. | 80,033 |
| San Francisco | \$14,500,667 | \$12,461,745 | \$16,854,143 |
| San Diego | 294,582 | 324,595 | 64,744 |
| Total | \$15,500,249 | \$12,786,843 | \$17,010,939 |

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 26 April 1853

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to enclose a report
of the operations of the Mint & Branches during
the first quarter of the present year, and also a
comparative statement exhibiting the deposits
of gold in the first quarter of last year, 1852, respec-
tively.

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. R. Smith

Wm. A. R. Smith
Director

Mr. Jas. Guthrie,
Secy. of the Treasury.

Collector & Deputy Office
Baltimore April 25th 1853

Sir,

Your letter of the 22d inst addressed to Gen R. Kane by
late collector & Deputy at Baltimore with enclosure
of Transfer Draft No 342 for the sum of three thousand
dollars to cover deficit of 242 coins made with him
since the 1 Jan'y 1853, has been placed in my hands.

The amount of the draft has been this day credited
upon the books of this office, and in compliance with
your request the draft is herewith returned to you
with a memorandum and endorsement of Col Kane on its
back, and also my endorsement as Collector & Deputy
at Baltimore.

Very respectfully
Yours vob. servant

Ref
Edwards C. Dale Esq }
Deputy U.S. Mint }
Philadelphia }

Philip S. Kansas -
Collector & Deputy -

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
New-York, April 25 1853

E. C. Dale Esq
Near U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Sir,
Haverhill N. H. June 20, 1853.
Transfr Draft N^o 341 for \$ 2000 to cover the same amount
in 3 Cent Coins transmitted from the U. S. Mint, Philad^a
and received at this Office on the 25th January 1853, in pursuance
of instructions from the Treasury Department of the U. S.

I am
Sir,
Very respectfully,
Yours Vt Serv^t

L. Brainerd

Asst Treas^r U. S.

Min't. U.S., Phil: 25 Apr. 1853

Gent,

I have to request that you will discontinue
forwarding the Republic, in future, to this Min't,
and ^{will} transmit your bill to the Treasury for settle-
ment.

very respectfully
your obt^d serv't

V. Mc. Pettit
Director

Publishers of
The Republic }
Washington

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. 25 Apr. 1853

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to enclose, at your
request, a specimen in silver of the annular gold
dollar.

very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

D. M. Pettit
Director

Hon. Jas Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treas^y,
Washington.

Mont of the United States
Chilad 25 Apr. 1853

Gent,

I have to request that you will, until fur-
ther notice, forward the daily Union to the Unit,
addressed to the Director.

Very respectfully
your obt^d servt

V. M. Hittit
Director

Publishers of
"The Union"
Washington

Mint of U. S.
Phila. April 22. 1853.

In consequence of the large increase of the business of the Mint, under recent acts of Congress, the full time and attention of the officers ^{& workmen} of the institution are required to meet the exigencies of the public service, and cannot, without injuriously affecting indispensable operations, be interrupted. The Director finds himself therefore reluctantly compelled to suspend until further notice the admission of visitors — This order will take effect on Monday the 25. April 1853.

W. M. Pettit.
Director.

Treasury Department
April 22. 1853.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 20th inst., and to say, in reply, that there would seem to be no objection to the purchase of the silver parted for deposits and contained in deposits of gold, in the manner suggested by you and you are therefore authorized to adopt that course.

I must ask the favor of you to send another specimen, in silver, of the annular dollar - the one enclosed by you, if it arrived safely at the Department, must have been dropped when the letter was opened and cannot be found.

I am very Res^l.

James Guthrie

Sec of the Treasury

Thos M. Potter Esq
Director of the Mint.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer U.S.

Boston. April 23^d 1852.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th inst. is received, enclosing
a Transfer Draft for \$3,500.—

I herewith return the Draft, with my
endorsement, agreeably to your request.—

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Serv.

Franklin Haven

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

Boston.

Encs.—

To,

E. C. Dale Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Recd 26 May
1852

No. 3517 - 223.38 - 213.71 - 18 May 1852

Nevada Apr 28. 1853.

Dear Sir

I write you in behalf of E. Kelsey who
employed Adams & Co to forward for him to the U. S. Mint
at Philada about a Year ago. which was to be placed
subject to his (Kelsey's) order. Three thousand five hundred
& seventy three (\$3573.) Dollars worth of Placer gold obtained
here at 16 Mills per oz. the following is a copy of the receipt
No 28.

Adams & Co Express

Nevada City Apr 8. 1852.

Recd of Edward Kelsey two sealed packages addressed
Mint Philada for use of Edw. Kelsey Nevada, Cal.
valued at Thirty five hundred & seventy three Dollars
Insured by Adams & Co from San Francisco for this
amount. which we agree to forward to New York
and deliver to Mint at Philada for use of Edw. Kelsey
Freight & Insurance to N York \$232.25. paid here

To Adams & Co

H. P. Jones Apr.

As it has been a long time since the gold was sent and
as he has received no word of its safe delivery, having written
to Adams & Co about it several times, he naturally becomes anxious
to know whether the Mint has received it and what disposition
they have made of it. Kelsey is a hard working man and has acquired
it by incessant toil. knows but little about business matters
and consigned it to the Mint for safe keeping

he desired me to write for him to you I being a Native
of Philada being engaged with my Father in the management
of Silver Ware prior to 49 in Arch Stove 8th St.
I refer you to Mr E. P. Macketa or Carlson R. Stone
Merchants North 3rd St.

Your polite attention will very much oblige
Yours very Respectfully

James W. Hartley

P. S. please address

James W. Hartley Esq

Rock Creek Water Co

E. G. Dale Esq Nevada Cal

Pres. W. S. Miner

Philada

Pa.

We have the "tin"

Bar

for 1860

Shiloh^d April 20 1853

J. M. Pettib. Esq

Dear Sir

I saw my partner
last evening and we have concluded to make
our offer for supplying the mint with coin
this season @ 4,110 per ton. We hope this price
will meet your views, You will confer a favor
by notifying us should you accept and we
will immediately enter into a contract.

We do think we are entitled to the
contract this year as we had a hard
bargain last year notwithstanding which
we have fulfilled it faithfully.

Yours A. L. Smith

Marley & M. Card

28 Walnut St

Office of the Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York April 20th 1853

Sir

Your favor of the 19th instant
is received with its enclosure. Transfer
Draft No. 233 for \$720 on your self to cover
deposits of three cent coin up to the 31st,
ultimate.

I herewith enclose the draft
indorsed by the Assistant Treasurer -
Very respectfully

Yours Mt. Servt.
David A. Russell
Chief Clerk

C. C. Dale Esqr.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Department of the Treasury
April 21, 1853
Sir

The 10th Sect. of the General
appropriation Act of 3 March last authorizing
the establishment of an assay office at N. York
provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall
with the approbation of the President of the United States
appoint such officers and clerks and authorize
the employment of such assistants ~~and~~ servants
as shall be necessary. Provided their
compensation shall not exceed that allowed for
corresponding services at the Mint branches, and the
12th Sect. provides that the Director of the Mint
in subordination to the Secretary of the Treasury,
shall direct the operations ~~and~~ shall prescribe
such regulations as shall be requisite to insure
faithfulness &c.

It is proposed by the Department

proceed to the establishment of that office with
all convenient despatch and that I may not under-
standingly in the matter I will be pleased to have
your views on the subject, and, I will thank
you to state the number of officers, clerks -
assistants, workmen and servants which, in your
opinion will be necessary to perform, promptly, the
duties required, and the compensation allowed
by corresponding services, at the Mint.

You will be pleased to submit, also, the
regulations under which you may propose
to coin silver coins, as provided by the 4th Section
of the Act of 21st February last.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly,
James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury.
The Hon. Mr. Pettit &
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Ottawa April the 21/53

To the MS. Assayer at Philadelphia

Gentl I Sent to you by Adams & Co
Express Two Bags of gold Dust containing
three hundred & thirty lines a half or of clean dust
Which was to be left at your office & to
be Assayed & Subject to the Order the ^{very} same Marked
With the A. initials like thus J. D. Alnstead
& While at my i. rote you on the Subject but
have not as yet heard from you the Object in
rotting to you at this time is to let if you have
received it has been as said & if so you will
pleas for ward Me at Ottawa Ill the assay
serlight of the same & by so doing you will
much oblige your Obedient servant

J. D. Alnstead

No. 1143 - 50 men - 399.40 - 386.15 - Adams & Co

Custom House Pittsburgh
N S Depository Office Apr 21/52

Sir

I this day received your letter of
the 19th inst. and Transfer Draft No
232 for \$1020. which I have endorsed
and herewith enclose

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Henry Moore
N S Depository

E & Dale Esq
Hearst
N S Mint
Phila

Collector & Deputy Officer
William April 20th 1852.

Sir,

Yours of the 19th Evening Draft \$2500.
for the sum of Twenty one hundred dollars, being amount of
three cent coin deposited by you in the office prior to the
24th ult., came to hand this morning. I have entered the
necessary credit for the amount to be paid you the Book
of the office, and have enclosed the draft, and according
to your request herewith return it to you.

I remain, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm. Hall

Wm. S. S. S.

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Chas. C. Daley Esq

New M. S. S. S.

Philadelphia

Mr. Wm. J. Smith

Miner, the United States,

Chicago 20 Apr. 1853.

Sir,

It is very desirable that some arrangement should be made for the re-purchase, by the Mint, of the silver parted for deposits, and contained in deposits of gold; which silver is paid in dollars of old weight. In most cases the amount thus paid, to each depositor, is very small, less than the \$100, which ~~for~~ is the lowest limit of amount receivable by the Mint; and even if this circumstance imposed no restrictions on our purchases, it is found exceedingly inconvenient to deliver ^{them} in any of the clerks in the Mint proper.

The Assistant Treasurer, with the acquiescence of his clerk, has volunteered to purchase such silver coin, if the approval of the Department can be obtained to such a transaction, and my object now is to request such approval. If the exchanges to be made were at par, no necessity would probably exist for troubling you; but, in addition to the par value must be added a premium of 4 p.c., corresponding to \$1.28 per ounce, the present purchasing price. I suggest that the Assist. Treasr. should (if such exchanges be allowed) take credit for the cost value (not the par value) of the silver, and from time to time deliver the purchases to the Mint, when the cost will be reimbursed to him in full.

Very respectfully yours

W. M. Platt

Wm. J. Smith
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 20 Apr. 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of yesterday relative to an improved form of gold dollar, and a device for the three dollar piece.

To my regret I find that no specimen remains of the annular gold dollar, but I enclose a piece in silver which exactly represents the size, thickness, & general appearance of what was struck in gold.

The preparation of an annular coin involves several mechanical difficulties, and it would probably prove a very difficult piece to strike. Nevertheless, these difficulties are not insurmountable, if that form should be thought desirable.

I may state, also, that it would be possible to enlarge somewhat the diameter of the gold dollar, and yet preserve its present shape. The enclosed gold piece may serve as a specimen to show the extent to which the size may be increased.

The engagements of our Engraver in the preparation of dies for the new silver have prevented any steps being taken towards the devices for the three dollar piece, but this subject will be brought before the Department without unnecessary delay.

Very respectfully,

W. H. R.

Treasury Department
April 19, 1853.

Sir

So many complaints have been made about the size of the gold dollar its liability to be lost or paid thro' mistake for small silver coins that it would seem to be expedient to adopt some other form.

It is understood that a specimen of a gold dollar proposed to be issued, with a hole in the centre was some time since submitted to the Department, but if such was the case, it has been lost or mislaid.

Be pleased to take the matter under consideration and to submit a design for a large dollar - And also a design for the \$2 gold piece authorized by the late Act.

Yours truly
G. M. Peck
Director of the Mint.

I am very Resp^t
J. M. McKim
Sec^y of the Treasury

Mint of the United States

Philad^a 19th Apr. 1853

Gent^l,

Your letters of the 16th & 18th were received this morning. On inquiry I learn that no bullion corresponding in description to that lost by you has yet been offered for deposit. The proper searching will be exercised to aid you in detecting the seller, if they should bring the gold to the Mint.

Very respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

J. M. Pettit
Director

Levi, Brooks & Co
New York.

New York 15 April 1863

To the
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We addressed
you on the 16th inst relative to a robbery
of Treasury, & the present serves to
give you a memo of original contents.
The box consigned London & London
contained,

| | Dolls | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Bar Callon's | 3909 | - | 905 fine stamped silver | \$3656.47 |
| 1 " | 1654 | - | 898 " " " | 1535.16 |
| 1 " | 1400 | - | 894 " " " | 1273.60 |
| 1 " | 1653 | - | 910 " " " | 1554.73 |
| 1 " | 310 | - | 833 " " " | 266.60 |

30 Ingots c \$50. each.

152 oz of Gold Dust,

Box consigned Dan Brooks & Co contained

200 Ingots, slugs. Respectfully, Yours
Informed at \$50 each. J. B. Brooks

Dan Brooks & Co

Office of the
New-York Mutual Insurance Company,

New-York, 18th April 1858

Dear Sir

Two packages of Gold shipped by the steamer Winfield Scott on her last passage from San Francisco and re-shipped per Steamer Union at Aspinwall arrived at this port 14th Inst.

Upon opening the Boxes it was discovered that the entire contents had been abstracted and lead substituted.

Herewith we hand you a statement of the contents of one of the boxes in order that you may be informed should any of it be sent to the Mint.

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Bar Bullion | 3909 Dwt 905 fine stamped value | \$3656.47 |
| 1654 | 898 | 1535.16 |
| 1400 | 894 | 1293.61 |
| 1653 | 910 | 1554.75 |
| 310 | 833 | 266.60 |

'32, 153 oz Gold Dust

30 Ingots \$50 each

This box is insured at this office and we have to ask you to advise us should any of the Gold find its way to the Mint.

The other Box consigned to Messrs Davis & Proctor & Co.

is insured in England and they will advise
you of its contents.

Respectfully Yours

J. Blanchard
Per

To the Director of the
U.S. Mint. Phil^a

Minist at the United States,

Philadelphia 17 Apr. 1868.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, and
in reply to state that all proper care will be exercised
to detect any attempt to deposit the stolen bill, which
you refer to, at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant

V. M. Platt
Director

T. C. Deane, Esq.

Circular

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 18 apr. 1853.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, that the preparations are now complete, for the issue of bars of refined gold, to such parties as may prefer the same to coin, in payment of their deposits of gold bullion.

These bars will be stamped with the inscription "U. S. Mint, Philadelphia", with the year of issue, the weight in ounces and hundredths, and the fineness in thousandths. In addition to these particulars, which include all that are required to be stated by law, a label will be attached to each bar, covering information as to the gross value of the bar, and its net value if returned to the Mint for coinage, after deduction made of half per cent, as the legal charge therefor.

The cost of procuring the bars from the Mint, in addition to ^{the} charges for parting, when that operation is required, has been fixed ^{by the Secretary of the Treasury} at six cents per hundred dollars worth. The cost of procuring coin, in addition to the same (parting) charge, has been fixed by law at fifty cents a hundred dollars worth. It is manifest, therefore, that there is an economy, in procuring bars instead of coin, amounting to forty four cents in the hundred dollars.

So far ^{then} as the issues demanded from the Mint are designed for other purposes than domestic circulation, there can be no doubt of the economical advantage, ^{if no other} ~~it is not~~ of selecting bars instead of coin. It may consequently be anticipated that the use of coin for manufactures, and for exportation, will in a great measure cease. and ~~that~~

that gold will be substituted. But irrespective of any ^{economic} ~~advantage~~
 ~~age~~ growing out of the Mint tariff, there are some special advan-
 tages in the use of fine bars, instead of coin, for manufacture
 and export. Their high standard fits them at once for the
 use of gold beater, and facilitates the preparation, ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~mixing~~ ^{mixing} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~base~~ ^{base} ~~bullion~~ ^{bullion}, of any quality of metal re-
 quired in gold manufactures; and, on ^{their} exportation to Great
 Britain, and sale to the Bank of England, precludes the re-
 fining charge now imposed on American coin, and ^{possibly} ~~possibly~~
 ~~the delays and expense incident to remelting and re-assay.~~
 ^{It is to what extent these bars may prove useful}
 as substitutes for coin, in large payments, experience must
 determine. The facility with which large sums may be
 counted in them, and their freedom, with moderate care, from
 the abrasion, and loss consequent upon the use of coin, are
 ~~advantages~~ ^{advantages} which must be taken into account in forming a
 judgment on that point. It must also be left to experience
 to determine at what ^{rate} ~~value~~ these bars shall pass; whether
 at the gross value, ^{that is} ~~or~~ at the amount which ~~xxx~~ would be equiv-
 alent thereto in coin, ~~or~~ at the net value payable on deposit
 at the Mint, being half percent less than the ~~gross~~ ^{gross} value,
 by reason of the coinage charge, ~~or~~ at a value intermed-
 ate between the gross and the ~~net~~ value, and varying
 according to the circumstances of demand and supply. On
 this point it may be remarked that, at all events the
 bars should never be estimated at less than their net value,
 since they can be cashed ^{for} ~~at~~ that sum at the Mint, and here-
 after at the New York Assay Office. ^{on the whole, for} ~~for~~ export or manufacture
 they are intrinsically worth the gross value, and purchasers will
 always find it to their advantage to pay that amount for
 them rather than use coin for such purposes.

J. M. Pettit
Director

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 16 Apr. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 14th inst, in relation to the propriety of an increase in our bullion fund with a view to purchases of silver. After inquiry, I have the honor satisfaction to state that our present means, in consequence of the late transfers to the Mint Treasury, are sufficient for all present demands, either of payment for silver, or for deposits of gold. Should future circumstances render an increase desirable I will promptly notify the Department.

Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

J. M. Pettit
Director

Wm. F. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury
Washington

Philad. April 15. 1853

Hon. Thomas M. Pettit
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir,

Mr. George Blee
of Locust Wood, wishes a situation in the Mint.
I believe him to be a sober, industrious and honest
man, well deserving a situation - He has a large
family depending upon him for support, and his
appointment will give satisfaction to his numerous
friends.

I warmly concur in
the above.

W. 2nd St.

Very respectfully yours

Edwin Chase

Dear Sir

I cheerfully concur in the above and would
respectfully urge the appointment of Mr. Blee
as every way worthy your consideration. And
would further consider his appointment
as a favour to myself.

Truly your friend

Edw. David

Hon. T. M. Pettit

I cheerfully concur

John Jones

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 14 Apr. 1853

In reply to the question of your letter of yesterday, I have to present the following statements, relative to the operation of the late laws on the operations of the Mint.

1. The additional charge, now and above the deduction heretofore customary, will be 8 cents per \$100. for the preparation of ingots of fine gold. If a deposit be collected in coin, instead of ingots, the additional charge above the former rates, will be 55 cents per \$100. The advantage of receiving bars, instead of coin, will be equivalent to 44 cents on the \$100. So far, therefore, as gold is to be employed for export, or for purposes other than circulation, I think it will be found economical, as well as of other advantages, for depositors to demand payment in bars.

2. You ask whether "if coined at the Mint can the proceeds be paid at the sub-treasurer's office, in this (New-York) City?" I presume you mean to ask whether the bars can be so paid, although it is improper to use the term coined to express the manufacture of a bar. In reply I have to say that there is nothing, in present laws, authorizing the receipt or redemption, elsewhere than at the Mint, of its issues, whether of bars, or of certificates of deposit. On the organization of the Assay Office, in your city, it will be competent to deposit there the bars drawn from this Mint, for which the value will be paid in coin, less 1 percent for charges. Or they may be

returned at any time to the Mint ^{here}, for coin, and paid
in the terms just mentioned.

3. With regard to silver separated from gold, the
Mint now pays the full weight in silver dollars. The
former practice, of paying in gold, was, by consent of the
Treasury Department, changed by the late Director, who
after mature reflection was convinced of its impolicy
and irregularity. The dollars paid for silver parted
are of course at a premium, which the depositor may
realize, either by sale in the Bullion market, or to the
Mint at our fixed price of \$1.21 per oz., say 4 per cent. pre-
mium.

4. Your fourth question is not very clearly under-
stood, but I presume you wish to enquire whether the
Mint certificates of the net value of deposits must be
issued singly, for the total value, or whether we might
divide them into convenient sums, say of \$50, \$100, \$150,
the aggregate of which should be equal to the sum total.
Briefly, I have to state that there is no authority for ~~such~~ ^{the latter}
a course. A suggestion asking for such authority was made
in Mr. Corwin's Treasury report of 1854, but not acted on.

5. The charges at the Mint would not be varied by
the use of any private melting or assay of Bullion. Nor
will there be any practical difference to depositors, between
deposit at the proposed assay office at New York, and at
the Mint. There will be the same charges, and the same
receipts at that office as at this Mint, or at a third
one. The difference to the Government will be
that instead of receiving coin for the payment of their
gold deposits, by change in that city, it will be silver.

any, from which to draw, to ensure not the entire loss, for
manufactures but not in no manner affects the deposit.

Any further information, or explanations which you
may desire, I shall be happy to furnish.

Very respectfully,
your obdt. servt

V. M. Root
Director

Excelsior, N.Y.

Wm. Root &
New York.

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia April 14, 1853

Sir

The period is only a month, showing the amount of the Mint must be assigned into the hands of my successor, and the necessity of an early preparation of my accounts for that purpose is obvious. I regret, however, to have to announce that the force now in my department is inadequate to meet the current demands of the Mint, and to complete my accounts within the time probably required. It is indispensable for the accurate preparation of such voluminous & complicated accounts that the book-keeper should be, as far as possible, undisturbed, but this is so far from being the case that the clerk who performs that function has to be constantly interrupted to attend to other labors, indispensably necessary in the conduct of the business of my office. The accounts of the last quarter of 1852 are yet uncompleted, and those of the first quarter of 1853 are untouched, and in addition to these, a supplemental account will be necessary to the date of my retiring from office - Under such circumstances I have to request authority for the employment of a temporary clerk to carry on such business in aid of my book-keeper as will enable the latter to devote his exclusive attention to the preparation of my accounts. I suggest that the compensation be at the rate of \$1200 - per annum and that the time of employment be limited to six weeks.

Hon. J. M. Pottet,
Director

Very Respectfully
O. B. Dale, Treasurer

Miner of the United States
Philadelphia 15 Apr. 1853

Sir,

I enclose herewith a letter from the Treasurer
of the Mint making representations, in which it
being shown, as & to the necessity of employing some
temporary assistance in his office with a view to the
preparation of his accounts, and I have the honor to
request authority from the Department empowering
me to accede to his request.

Very respectfully
your obedt. servt.

V. M. Pettit.
Director.

Wm. J. Guthrie
Secy. of Mint

Treasury Department
April 12. 1853.

Sir

I am complacant with the suggestion contained in your letter dated the 5th inst. that a transfer draft was issued, as you will have seen, in favor of the Bullion fund for \$400,000.00.

The object of this communication is to ascertain whether the Bullion fund is sufficiently large to enable the Mint to purchase as much silver as it has capacity to coin without interfering with the prompt payment of depositors of Gold.

It is desirable to exchange as much gold for silver as can be done without delaying the payments for Gold - and as an additional ^{transfer} will be ordered to the Bullion fund if it can be made available for that object.

The Director of the Mint
Phila^a

I am very Resp^t
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 14 Apr. 1853

Sir,

At the request of the Treasurer of the Mint, I have the honor to enclose, herewith, a bill and the requisite vouchers, for the value of three cent pieces sent to certain government officers, during the quarter ending 31 ult^o, under the instructions from the Department of 31 May 1851. You are respectfully requested to issue the necessary transfer drafts to discharge the Treasurer's accounts formally of the amounts.

Very respectfully,
your obed^t serv^t

J. M. Pettit
Director

Am. Jas. Guthrie }
Secy of Treas }
Washington. }

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK.

W. A. Eckhart Esq.

New-York, April 13 1853

Dear Sir

- I am desirous of ascertaining the practical operation of assaying and coining at the Mint under the new Law, and would thank you to state, whether
1. there is any additional charge for assaying and putting it into bars or ingots. If so how much.
 2. if coined at the Mint, can the proceeds be paid at the Sub-Treasurer's office in this City.
 3. How much do you allow for the Silver separated from the gold dust, payable in new Silver Coins.
 4. Would you issue Certificates in such sums as desired for our deposits of gold dust, assayed.
 5. If assayed by individuals in New York, what would be the expense of Coining. also if done at the Gov't assay office in this City and any other information you can give me, will much oblige.

Very Resp^{tly}
W. A. Eckhart
C. Sec. of the Bank

Office of Powell, Ramsdell & Co.

Forwarding and Commission Merchants

Newburgh April 12th 1853

Dear Sir & Co.

Direct

W. S. Mint

Dep't

If we send you a draft on
New York or Philadelphia will you send us at
an risk expense of 500 of apt. silver coin of the new
issue

Please excuse the liberty we take in making this
request but we know of no other way of getting
accommodated than by applying direct to the Mint
Please answer at your convenience

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Powell Ramsdell & Co.

P.S. Also one kg of Gold

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 14 Apr. 1853

Gent,

The present demands on the Mint for silver, in return for silver bullion purchases (which have a stoppage) will prevent our making any direct exchanges for gold for some weeks to come. In due time (which no later is feared as far as possible to shorten) we expect to sell the silver at your request.

We have coins, in bags of \$100, which will be sold for gold, or a N.Y. draft.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

V. M. Platt
Director

Curtis, Chandler & Co.
Newbury.

What a. S. Phil 12 Mar 1873

My
Caldwell
Robert Patterson
C. L. G.

to Gutterer, Sec of my

Post Office
Lawrence & Co. Prop.
To the Principals
U.S. Mint. } April 12th 1853

Dear Sir Please inform me
if I can obtain Change at
the Mint Say $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, $\frac{1}{4}$ do.
cents, & $\frac{1}{2}$ do. for coined Gold

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Serv.
Nath. Wilson D. W.

Minist of the United States
Philad: 14 April 1853.

Sir

The present demands upon the Mint for the new silver,
in exchange for silver bullion purchased (which have a prefer-
ence over those in gold) render it improbable that we should
be able, for some weeks to come, to comply with the request made
in your favor of the 12th. As soon as those demands are met, the
Mint will commence exchanges of silver for gold.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant

V. M. Pettit
Director

Nathan Lothrop, Esq.
Lawrence, Mass.

No 1263

Recd 13 Apr

New York Apr 11 1853
Wm. Phil
Esq

I sent per Adams & Co
some box & just now I
wish you to have assayed
separately if you please
the packages contain 120 & 80 g.
they are marked & tied together
I will be in your city in
about 2 weeks

Yours Respectfully
A. Smith

Letter not recd till day after gold was weighed - all together & cannot now
make separation

Treasury of the U.S.
11 April 1853

Sir

Enclosed I hand you Transfer
draft No. 337 in your favor on the Asst. Treasurer
U.S. Philadelphia for \$700,000. which you will
please pass to my credit on your Books on Bullion
account.

Very respectfully
Yours obedt. Servt
Sam. Casey
Treas. U.S.

Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Attd. Wm. Barry.

Branch Bank of Virginia
Danville April 1st 1853

To
The Director, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

I have some \$13,000.00
of \$10.00 silver coin which I wish to have
received by you, and will thank you
to inform me, how long I will proba-
bly be detained in Philadelphia. Should I
wait for it, also what premium can be
had payable in return. An early reply will
oblige

Yr obt. Servt

Thos. P. Atkinson Pres.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Apr. 15 1853

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 11th I enclose herewith a circular showing the terms on which we are purchasing silver. With regard to the time at which we would be able to pay you, I fear you would be delayed some three or four weeks, as nearly a million of silver has been received which must be paid for in the order of priority. You will probably find it most convenient to entrust your silver to some express (say Adams & Co.) by whom the deposit & collection will be attended to.

Very respectfully

your obed^t serv^t

J. M. Pettit
Director

Thos. P. Alderson, Pres^t
Danville, Va

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Apr. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 7th inst. The draft of \$22,564.16 in favor of the Mint, to cover the cost of that amount of silver sent to the Assistant Treasury here, will prove a great relief to our Treasury. I am nevertheless of opinion that a still further increase of our bullion fund is imperatively necessary, and, as requested by the Department, now advise you to that effect, and present some of the reasons on which that opinion is based.

The amount of gold coin in the Mint Treasury, this morning, was \$276,000. A delivery from the Mint is expected to day, of \$245,000. The Mint has also in course of manufacture, and probably deliverable on Tuesday, gold which will amount to about \$59,000. The Director & Engineer has in preparation material, which may be realized into coin during the next week, amounting to about \$1,000,000. The total of these sums is about \$2,071,000, which will be available for the payments required during the course of next week.

We are, however, advised by telegraph that the Illinois sailed from New Orleans on the 1st inst. with \$2,500,000 of gold. This will, undoubtedly, be received, delayed & payable during next week; but, as you will observe, our contemplated means will be insufficient for its payment.

I have also to state that we have received sit-

ver billim, under the terms of purchase approved by
^{and irrespective of that from the bank}
you, to the amount of about \$600,000. Payment for
a considerable amount of this ~~it~~ has already been de-
manded in gold, and the whole of it may be demanded
at once. We are advised, also, of about \$200,000 more which
may be expected next week; and my impression is
that the receipts of that week in silver ^{from that of the same} will at least
equal those of the present, so that the possible de-
mands, for gold, on our billim fund, independently
of those for payment of gold deposits, may prove
very large.

Considering these circumstances, I have to recom-
mend that a transfer draft for \$700,000 be issued
on the Assistant Treasurer here in favor of the Treas-
urer of the Mint. In ordinary circumstances, I can
assure you, no such large sum would be necessary
or asked for; but the present contingency is one of
an extraordinary ^{although of} and ~~will be~~ temporary character. On
the one hand it abstracts from the Treasury ^{3rd} coin for
the purchase of silver; while on the other, the force
which might be applied in replenishing such deficien-
cy of gold coin must be diverted to the manufacture
of silver. The fund asked for is not required in the
Assistant Treasury, that I am aware of; if transferred
to the Mint it will subserve greatly to the public good,
and to that of the Government by diminishing the need
of a couple years extra labor. In a few weeks when we are
at the end of the sum I could be returned to the Mint Treas-
urer of the Mint.

Very truly yours,
Geo. N. Eckert

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office

April 6 1852.

E C Dale Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia Penn^a

Sir.

My account of Gold
and Silver bullion, for the quarter ending the 30 of Sept. 1851. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
of \$445,709.⁰²/₁₀₀ found to be due from you to the United
States, which consists as follows.

| | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Gold Bullion | By 248. 816. 443. | \$ 4. 629. 146. 72 |
| Silver Bullion | By 410. 802. 450. | \$ 478. 624. 79 |
| Gold Coinage including | \$19,771 assay & loss | \$ 1. 252. 625. 23 |
| Silver do do | \$2. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ do do | \$ 106. 012. 28 |
| | | <u>\$ 4. 465. 709. 02</u> |

The above balance agrees with your account with the
exception of the Gold Coinage account. the amount

due the United States per your account being \$1250.58, 11
instead of \$1252 52.5. 23, making a difference of
\$1938.12 - the amount paid by you to J. H. Clapp
in error which is disallowed -

Very Respectfully -
Elisha Whittelsey -
Comptroller

Treasury Department
April 4, 1880.

Sir,

Your letter dated the 3rd inst.
has been received and the Treasurer has been
this day, requested to issue a certificate in
favor of the Treasurer of the Mint on the a/c.
Treasurer at Philadelphia for \$22,564.16 - the
amount of the silver transferred from N. York.

This addition to the bullion fund will, it is hoped,
enable the Treasurer to obtain the necessary supply
of silver without interfering with the prompt pay-
ment of depositors of gold for coinage. Should it
be desirable to increase the bullion fund you will be
pleased to advise the Department.

The suggestion by you that the distribution of
the 3 cent piece be brought under the same regulation
as that of the other silver coins authorized by the Act
of 21st of January last is approved, as is also that
for

for the payment for silver parted from gold.
 I am very Respt.
 Sam. Bullins
 Sec. of the Treasury.

To the Director of the Mint
 Philadelphia

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U.S. Bullion Fund or to S.B. deposits for foreign
 for cost of silver bullion purchased \$522,564.16

Sundry Accounts or to U.S. Bullion Fund
 S.B. depts. foreign for Unrecd. Int. (say) 512,000.00
 Profit & Loss on Silver Purchased (say) 10,564.16
\$522,564.16

Treasury of the U.S.
8 April 1853

Sir,

I enclose herewith Transfer
draft N° 336 in your favor, payable by you as assist.
Treasurer for \$522.564.¹⁶/₁₀₀ which you will please pass
to my credit on your books on Bullion account.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. servt.

Sam Casey
Treasurer U.S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

att-att- to Mr Parry

Director's Office, U. S. Mint

9 April 1853.

Dear Sir,

With a view to afford time for verifying the calculations of deposits, and for the preparation of warrants in the office of the Director; with a view, also, to greater convenience in the preparation of memorandums, and ^{to} ~~in~~ ^{greater punctuality & safety in} effecting payments, in the office of the Treasurer; I have to request the observance of the following instruction.

On deposits reported by the Assayer before noon, payments will be promised and made on the day succeeding at 10 A. M.

On deposits reported after noon, payments will be demandable only on the next day but one succeeding, at 9 A. M.

Very respectfully yours

To E. G. Dale

Treas.

G. H. Eckert

Director

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 4 April 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to return, with
my approval, the bond of Lewis S. Bissell as
superintendent of the Branch Mint to be estab-
lished in California. It is proper to state that I
have no knowledge of the amount of the securities beyond
what is derived from the certificate of W. Bangsant, at-
tached to the bond.

Very respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

Wm. W. Eckert
Director

Am. Jas. Guthrie,
Sec. of Treas^y.

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Elle. hum. 100

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frad 108.25
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or by

The law requires
the official bond of the
superintendent of the
Ar. M. at Sac. Francisco
to be approved by the
Director of Ar. M., meaning
at Phila. and the Secy
of the Navy, or by the
At. Atto. at Sac. Francisco.
The latter approval cannot
be had in time for
persecution with the bond
expired.

It is necessary for me
to send it to you at once

and with the absence
of the key from the
department; but I
can say that if you
will approve the bond
the key will then approve
likewise.

I wrote this note
to your friend and ~~at~~
upon consultation with
Mr. Whittelsey, who ap-
proves this course.

Very truly

P. H. Washington

D. C. Bell

Secy of the

Dept.

Levi A. Burdell, Supr. (San Francisco)

Wm. W. Burdell (Calif.)

Ashmun Burdell (N. Y.) } writers

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May 30/53

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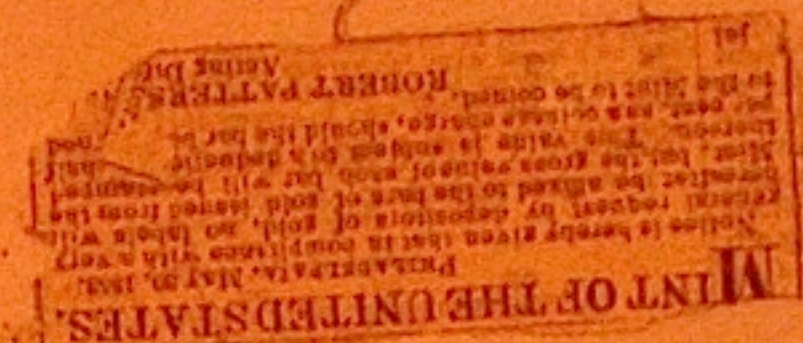
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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 30 May 1853

Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with a very general request by depositors of gold, no labels will hereafter be affixed to the bars of gold issued from the Mint, but the gross value of each ~~same~~ bar will be stamped thereon. This value is subject to a deduction of half per cent as a coinage charge, should the bar be returned to the Mint to be coined.

Robert Patterson

Acting Director

Treasury Department
April 24th 1853.

Sir

The devices for the new silver coinage that accompanied your letter of March 31st, are hereby approved.

This Department, furthermore, approves of the mode in which you propose to prepare bars of fine gold, and of your proposed rate of charges on the same, and also of the prices at which you propose to purchase silver for coinage.

Very respectfully

Sam^l Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury.

To the

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Philad April 11th 1853

Hon. S. M. Delitt

Dr Sir

We sent in our proposal to supply the U. S. Mint with anthracite Coal the coming year to Dr Eckert some two or three weeks ago, and have not yet received an answer. Supposing that it has been overlooked We beg leave to call your attention to it. We have supplied the mint for the last two years and have given satisfaction as the engineer will testify. We are now delivering the Coal that they are using; on the new proposal. We would like to hear from you at your earliest convenience so that we can make the necessary contracts for the kind of Coal it requires.

Yours obt. servt

Harley M. Bird

525 11th Street St

Please address Care

Richard Jones 28 Walnut

Phil^a

Treasury Department

April 2. 1853

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult^o is received. -
Authority has this day been given to the
Collector, at New York, to deliver the box con-
taining "Assaying Apparatus," ordered for
the Assay Office, and impacked in the Steamer
or "Franklin," to the Consignees, Messrs. Living-
ston Wells & Co, unopened, and free of all
duties and charges. -

Very respectfully

Yours very truly

James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

To His Excellency
The President of the United States.

The undersigned, Bankers
and Dealers in Bullion of the City of
New York, learning that Mr J.
Copley Rogers of Philadelphia has
been presented to your Excellency as a
candidate for the Office of Treasurer
of the United States Mint, desire
to join in recommending him; being
satisfied that his experience in the
institution in a post of great responsibility
proving both his talents and integrity,
give every assurance that the duties
of the place now sought will be filled
by him with entire satisfaction to the
government and the public.

New York April 4th 1853.

Adams & Co
O. M. Dodge

Beckwith
B. B. Burdett

New York April 1853
Robert Patterson Esq.
U. S. mint

Philadelphia

Dear sir,

What is your best offer
per ounce for Twenty Thousand ounces (20000 lbs) of American
silver of standard fineness (900) - payable in quarters
and if possible some part thereof in pieces of the
new coinage? Please inform me premium of mint
and also whether the hereafter to be assayed bars or
ingots will have their gross value stamped on to
them or their value after deduction of the one half
percent seignorage?

Please bear in mind the offer of (100000 lbs) One
Hundred Thousand Ounces Silver at \$1.22 1/2 One Hundred
and Twenty Two cents per ounce of standard fineness made
to you by our Mr. Berend, while in your city, - and
oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. B. Bland

Minist of the United States
Philad. 2 April 1853

Dear Sir,

The annexed circular states the price
we are at present offering for silver, and
Dr. Eckert is not disposed to advance upon
it. If you want an early supply of any of
the new coinage I should recommend an
early deposit, even if our price seems low.
At first they may sell at a premium which
will compensate any loss on the bullion.

Yours

A. Patterson

A. Sorensen.

Minist of the United States,
Philadelphia 10 May 1853

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 7th inst. As it appears that my letter of the 29th ult^o had failed to reach you, I now enclose a copy of the same. On referring to it, I find that it does not express the grounds on which I supposed that further legislation would be necessary, to authorize the emission of an annular dollar. I may therefore state that my opinion was based on a conviction that to combine device emblematic of liberty with the annular form would not be possible, and moreover, that Congress, by its language in reference to the device, had evidently in contemplation the disk form of which has been universally adopted for coin. Possibly I have been in error in both these views. As to the adaptation of the legal device to the annular form, this subject is referred to our Engraver, who will give it his immediate attention, whether there is any legal necessity for adhering to the disk shape for our coin is a question on which I defer to the Department.

It is proper, however, to state that the decided opinion of those in the Mint best qualified to judge is, that it will be a very slow and difficult process to coin the annular dollars, and that exceeding care, to say the least, will be necessary to prevent the issue of defective pieces. These obstacles might, perhaps, prove of no moment at another period, but at the present time, when

\$530,000, or at the rate of over 1½ millions per month.
Thus far our deposits have exceeded our capacity of
circulation, but it must be considered that we labored
under many obstacles at the outset, and besides
we have thus far issued only the smaller denom-
inations. The half dollar dies are nearly ready for
use, and when we shall have begun the circulation of
that denomination (now greatly needed by the public)
it will be possible to determine whether or not our
capacity is equal to the public demand, and to the
requirements of the billions received.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servt

J. M. Pettit
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie?
Sec. of the Treas.

The Mint is taxed to the utmost in meeting the demands for silver coin, and supplying also some 50 million of gold annually, we naturally dread to encounter the difficulties of this new coinage, and to meet the excessive demand always consequent upon the issue of a piece of novel denomination or form.

If, notwithstanding, the Department deems it indispensable that a change in the form of the gold dollar should be made, permit me to suggest that an oval shaped, or an angular shaped coin, would present much less mechanical difficulty in execution than the annular shape. The coin, with such a form, could receive the legal devices; it could be as readily distinguished by the touch, as the annular piece; and it would, in my judgment, be more beautiful, and more adapted to artistic execution. If the Department should so direct, I will order a series of experiments to be made with a view to a change in the form of the gold dollar having for its object to combine the facility of distinguishing it from the other small coins, ^{with} ~~and~~ the means of rapid and artistic execution.

To your questions in regard to silver, I have to state that we have issued, in the new coin \$580,007; viz. in quarters \$472,505, dimes \$56,000, $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes \$21,501. We have purchased, including the sum from the Assistant Treasury, New York (\$522,018) about \$3,000,000. It is difficult to estimate what amount we are yet to receive. The stream of deposits had not as been sensibly checked. We have received, during the present month,

In weighing Gold - unless it be coins or bars - we
add 1/100 of an oz. for every 25 oz. to the weight
after melting, not regarding parts of the 25.

On the reports, weights of 60 or 80 even are
put on the partition holders.

Silver - note on the book the descriptions
of coin as to old & new stamp, as closely as
you can.

New Dollars are kept in bags & handed over
to Treasr. to pay out again - with them note
on the book not only the amt. we pay, but
the amt. by tale, which you can always get
from the depositor - You will see how I
have marked them -

The statement for Mr Eckfeldt I keep up from
day to day - in it you may consider as
many cont. entries numbers as happen to
be of the same stripe - ^{I send them up twice a week}
_(a part of delivery book - a book)

On the margin, a pencil record is kept
of the aggregate amt recd. up to the close of
every day, this refers to both Gold & Silver.

In ^{listing} Mills & Coins or any thing that must be melted & assayed
enter on the book as usual, send a report to Mr Eckfeldt
calculating value of st. wt. - but leave a place in the
note book for the number so that all will straighten out.

Mr. Booth takes metal from day to day & it is melted
& weighed, every deposit after us, we give him a statement
entirely, assay no. & wt. every day.

Deposits for Bars are not d. on Margin of Weight
Book & also at the S.W. Corner of the City Report.

You need not post any thing into the Bullion Book
I will bring up that on my return.

Minist of the United States
Philad. St. May 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of yesterday, forwarding some copper coins of Roman origin found among the ruins of old Panama.

These coins are what they are represented to be in the letter by the Consul at Panama, which accompanied them, with some slight inaccuracy, perhaps, in the labelling of particular pieces. They are the last rare of Roman and Greek antiquity, and therefore are their interest, in a great measure, to the extraordinary fact of their discovery at Panama. The probable explanation of this is, that they were preserved by the numismatic taste of some Spanish emigrant, civil or ecclesiastic. It is stated that, even down to this day, Roman copper coins are so far abundant in Spain that in a rouleau of some ten or dozen (in which form the Spanish copper coins are often packed for currency) it is common to find one or two having the head of a Roman Emperor. The pieces now in question are very much worn, and it is possible that, finding their way across the ocean as money of circulation, they may have often purchased an orange or tortilla in the Panamanian market of olden times.

They will be taken care of, as requested, until further order from the State Department.

With great respect,
your obt. servt

Hon. William L. Marcy,
Secretary of State, &c.

Robert Patterson
Acting Director

Extract

N^o 98.

Consulate U. S. A.

Panama, May 10th 1853.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a small number of copper coins, of a very ancient date, recently found among the ruins of Old Panama, situate some six or seven miles from this place.

It is evident from the inscriptions that they are all of Roman origin, many of them containing in legible characters, the names of Maximinus, Diocletian, and Constantine; from which circumstance, it is supposed they were coined between the years A. D. 284 and 305!

They are presumed to be the first Roman coins ever discovered upon this Continent; and as such as well as from the locality in which they were found, will doubtless possess much interest to antiquarians.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Amos B. Corwine

U. S. Consul

To Hon. Wm. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Received of the Treasurer of the Treasury Department
the sum of \$1000 on the 24th day of July 1853.

Sir,
In your letter of the 22nd instant
you refer to a communication addressed by you
to the Department on the 24th ultimo giving it as
your opinion that to combine devices emblematic
of liberty with the annular form for the Gold
Dollar will not be possible.

No such letter
appears to have been received at the Department.
The Department is very solicitous that the
Gold Dollar should be put into circulation in
a more convenient form than that now in use,
and, it is hoped that there ^{are} artists in the country
sufficiently skilful to devise some emblem of
liberty which may be impressed on the annular
coin in a manner so as to comply substantially
with the provision of law.

Yours faithfully,
James Guthrie
I beg you to give

draw early attention to the subject in order
that, if the difficulties suggested by you can be
overcome, the book can may be issued at the
earliest possible period.

I will thank you to
inform the Department what amount of silver
coins has been put into circulation. What amount
of bullion has been received at the Mint &
what amount it is estimated will be offered
in any given time.

I am very Dear Sir
James Pettie

Secretary of the Treasury
at last we have a new set of
the McPetrie of the ...
... Director of the ...
... United States ...
... of the ...
... of the ...
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I enclose by this mail a pamphlet copy of the law of the ...
J.M.P.

London May 9th 1833.

E. C. Dale Esq

Dear Sir

We enclose inv^s of
x 15 kips planches sent via New York last week,
2 to day shall forward the balance of
your order -

Your order for an additional
quantity has not yet been received
and we are now out of work for the
want of it -

Since we were at the mint, the
price of Copper has declined somewhat,
but the price in this country remains
the same. So that 42 cts for planches,
at the price for the raw material would
afford us little if any profit. As our
Mr. J. L. Oscher, remarked to you, our object
at the above price, is to keep our men
together, not to realize a profit -

x we find this inv^s has been
sent -

Yours.

Very Respectfully.

Charles D. Oscher

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Laurens May 1838

E. C. Dale Esq.

Dear Sir

We have received
your favor of the 7th inst. with check
on New York for \$508.50 being amt
due on our invoices of plates to
Sept. 14th inclusive. as per statement
enclosed we have recd. of 15
plates forwarded to you, which completes
your order -

Referring to the respects of the 4th

We are

Yours

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. Moore

72.00
144.00
1512

Philadelphia May 5 1853

We hereby agree to furnish to the Mint
of the United States Philadelphia, all the
anthracite Coal they may require from this
date to the first day of April 1854 at
the rate of Four dollars and forty Cents per
ton. The Coal to be of the best Spring moun-
tain Lehigh. Steamboat size free from Stone
and other impurities. To be delivered at such
times and in such quantities as may be
required. Payment to be made as heretofore

Marley M'Cord
28. Walnut St

Dear Sir

Allow me to have the pleasure to hand you our opt
to supply the mint this season.

I have been out of town as it would have
been forthcoming sooner

Yours obt friend
Marley M'Cord

Minist of the United States

Philadelphia 6 May 1853.

Gent^l,

Your note of yesterday, with a signed contract
for delivery of coal, undertakes to furnish at the price
stated from the 5th inst to April 1st next. The true
date should have been April 20th, to conform to my letter
of that date addressed to you.

Very respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

W. M. Pettit
Secy

Warley & M^{rs} Ford
28 Walnut St.

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Laurelton May 3. 1853.

E. C. Dealey

Thos. Deafin -

Acc am't bill
of Copper plates shipped & new
plates provided by Napoleon -

Yours
truly

Geo. R. Bond -

8640
17270
1814.40

Philadelphia

Phil^a May 11. 1862

Dear Sir,

A letter mailed at New York on the
30th ult. to me, containing among other
items, Mint Certificate No. 1618 for 100
dollars, has been misdirected or stolen.

Should said Certificate be pro-
duced, be pleased to scrutinize the
endorsement. And oblige

Yours respectfully,

J. E. C. Dale, Esq.

Treasurer of the
Mint.

J. A. Munroe

Treasury Department
May 24. 1853.

Sir

The appointment, made by
you, under the provision of the 2^d. Sect. of the
Mint Act of 18th Jan: 1837, of Robert Patterson to
act in your place as Director of the Mint, is
approved - to continue during your absence on
account of sickness.

I am very Resp^t
Yours Truly
Sec of the Treasury

Wm. M. Peter &
Mint of the Mint
Philad^a

No 551

Logan Branch of State Bk of Mo
May 24th 1833

Treasurer of the Mint of the U.S.
at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

On the 27th ult
last I deposited in the Office of the American Ship
Co. at Calcutta a Box of Silver Coin, containing
amount of \$1,400 (fourteen hundred dollars) to
be forwarded to you for return in new Silver Coins
have you received my name and if so about what
time may I look for return? the farmers are very
anxious to get change for harvesting, and unless you
can forward within fifteen to 20 days. I must make
other arrangements for some. Let me hear from you
at your earliest convenience.

Admrs Logan Hocking Co

Very Respectfully
Chas. D. Officer
Clerk

2734 - 14 Apr. 1852 - 16 - 15125

Adams & Co. name - 2/Jan/53

Recd 22 Jan 53
Am 200

Recd Mr. Robt. L. Senora Cash
Apr 14/52

Wellington Lorain Co. Ohio May 21st 1853

Dear Sir

On the 6th of March 1852 I sent to the ^{U.S.} Mint by Adams & Co. a parcel of gold dust. The document which I received from Adams & Co. was No. 126 & ^{the amount of} \$272. They were to send the Mint Receipt to me at Senora. I returned home here before the Mint Receipt was sent but left word with my brother to forward the Mint Receipt to me when it should reach Senora. After a time I received the Assayer's Certificate, said to have been of same date as the Mint Receipt of the same amount. The Assayer's Certificate was numbered 2734, issued on the 14th Apr. 1852. This certifies that there was due to me two hundred & ninety-two dollars & fifty-four cents. The Mint Receipt I have never received. I have been writing to Adams & Co. agents & others for nearly a year to find out where the Mint Receipt is & to get it & from the fact I can learn the Mint Receipt is lost. I supposed that the Mint Receipt should go with the Assayer's Certificate but it appears that it did not. Will you please inform me if the amount due me stands to my credit still. Should any person present the Mint Receipt elsewhere do not pay it without orders from me. Furthermore I wish to inquire what papers I had better take to get the money. May not an other Mint Receipt be issued to me & annul the old one after having the proper credentials. I have Adams & Co's Receipt for the dust which they forwarded to you. I also have the Assayer's Certificate and I have a witness here who saw me put said dust into the hands of Adams & Co. & saw me take their receipt as such I now have. Will you please write me as soon as convenient & any information you can give me will be thankfully received by your most obt. servant Phineas Allen
Treasurer of U.S. Mint. Wellington Lorain Co. Ohio

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
3^d May 1853.

E. C. Dale, Esq.
Act. Assistant Treasurer, and
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

The Hon Daniel Sturgeon
having been appointed Assistant Treasurer, and
Treasurer of the Mint, at Philadelphia, and
having given bond, you will deliver to him
on application, all the public money & other
public property in your possession together
with the forwent, book^s of entry, and instruc-
tions relating to the duties of Assistant Treas-
urer, & Treasurer of the Mint, respectively,
with which you have been furnished for
all of which you will take duplicate
receipts, specifying every article, and
forward one of them to this Office.

Respectfully Yours
William Mitchell -
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 23 May 1853.

Sir,

The 4th section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837 provides
"That whenever any officer of the Mint shall be temporarily
absent, on account of sickness, or any other sufficient cause,
it shall be lawful for the Director, with the consent of the said
officer, to appoint some person attached to the Mint to act
in the place of such officer during his absence".

Being myself detained from the Mint by sickness, I have
taken the authority, under this provision, to designate Rob-
ert Patterson, Esq., Assistant Clerk, to act for me in my ab-
sence, and I now enclose a copy of this appointment. It
appears reasonable that, if the Director can appoint a sub-
stitute for other officers, he can do so in his own case; but
as the language of the law is somewhat obscure, I have to
ask the approval of the Department to my action by return
mail.

Very respectfully,
your obt^d serv^t

V. M. Pettit
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
May 20. 1853.

Sir

Enclose for your perusal a letter received from Messrs. Combs & Co. of N. York and will thank you to inform the Department as to the course pursued by the Mint at Philadelphia in the purchase of Mexican Dollars.

Be pleased to give such instructions to the Treasurer of the Branch at N. Orleans as you may deem necessary to prevent the delay complained of and to advise the Department of the directions given in order that a reply may be given to Messrs. Combs' letter.

I am very Resp^t

James Guthrie

Sec of the Treasury.

Thos. M. Pettit
Director of the Mint
Philad.^a

Treasury Department

May 21 1853

Dr Sir

Mr. McCallish who was some
time since employed in the Mint, has
made representations to me which
make it proper for me to obtain
from you the necessary explanations.

He states that the scrapings of the
Gold Coinage are sent to an agent
for sale in Europe instead of being
re-melted purified and the gold
re-melted, as was formerly the case,
in the Mint; and without knowing
whether this practice is or is not
judicious and proper I desire
to be informed how long it has
prevailed, and under what
authority and with what results?

Sincerely Very

Yours Truly

Secy of the Treas

Wm McCallish Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila

Treasury of the U. S. A.
May 12. 1863

Care of Col. G. B. S.
Spent Treas. Philadelphia

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to say, in relation to the Transfer drafts to Norfolk, that an error was committed in the directions to this office to issue No. 344, and that further instructions will be given to cancel that number. No. 324, the enclosed form you this morning, is the proper draft to be included in the amount \$9,130. charged in your statement for the last quarter, and will be so applied.

Still, I will thank you to make a statement to include the recent large transfers to your Battalion A.D., that our weekly exhibit may be relieved of them.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servant
Sam. Casag
Treas. U. S. A.

Minist. of the United States
Philadelphia 13 May 1853

Sir,

I am requested by Judge Pettit, who is unhappily
confined to his bed by sickness, to acknowledge your com-
munication ^{asking a conference in relation to the New York Agency Office;} of yesterday; and after consultation with him
I have to state, in reply, that I shall do myself the honor
of calling on you, at the Department, on Monday next, ~~unless~~
~~some unforeseen obstacle should prevent.~~

very respectfully

your obed^t serv^t.

Robert Patterson.

Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treas.,
Washington.

New York May 16. 1853

Hon: J. M. Pettit

Director of the Mint

Phil^a

Dear Sir

In consequence of the difficulty, of retaining on the Ingots of Gold Cast at the Mint, the paper labels containing the particulars of weight, value &c, we desire to ask whether our bars cannot be returned to us without that label, and having the bullion value stamped thereon, with the other stamps, without reference to the Coinage Charge

If this can be done, will you have the goodness to order that our bars shall be so marked and delivered to us

Very Resp^{ly}

Yours W^{ch}

Adams C

The Army Department.
Comptroller's Office.
May 14. 1853.

Edward C. Dale Esq
late Treasurer of the
Branch Mint at Philadelphia

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Sir.

Your account of Gold and
Silver Bullion, ending the 30th of September 1852, has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of \$5,907,989.⁶⁹/₁₀₀
found to be due from you to the United States, which
consists as follows viz:

| | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|
| Gold Bullion | Oz 146.324.117 | \$ 2,722,224.28 |
| Silver Bullion | Oz 535.777.138 | \$ 423,449.47 |
| Gold Coinage (including \$20,412 assay coin) | | \$ 2,349,261.59 |
| Silver Coinage (including \$146. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ " ") | | \$ 13,054.35 |
| | | <u>\$ 5,907,989.69</u> |

You are charged in this, as in former settlements of
your account with \$1938.¹²/₁₀₀ paid by you to S. H.
Clapp in error instead of \$477.²⁹/₁₀₀ the value of the
deposits the same being disallowed -

Very respectfully,
E. C. Secor
City Comptroller.

M. 20

London May 27, 1833.

E. C. Dale Esq.

Dear Sir,

Sir,

We are very
of 30 keps blanchis, which we shall
ship by early vessel from our mill -
We should like to have ^{you} send
to Messrs. Mills & Co, New York, as many
cups, in account of invoices sent, as
you can, as there is a good demand
for them, and we wish to supply the
parties who have been in the habit of
receiving them from us -

Yours,

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. P. D. G.

Recd 23 June
in L^{ts}

Frenchman Bar May 12th/58

Treasurer of
Philadelphia Mint; Sir: I wrote you
some time in Dec last, concern^{ing}
a parcel of Gold dust which I
forwarded by Gregorys Express
to the mint, but as I have not
heard from you I presume the
letter was not recd. The parcel
which weighed fifty six and one
fourth ounces, was forwarded
on the 30th Oct 1851 with orders
from the mint certificate to be
returned to me in Marysville.
but the certificate has not been
recd by me; I wish you to write
me as soon as this is received
and let me know whether the
dust has been deposited at the
mint and if so forward the
certificate to me in Marysville
Yours.

W^m C. Mumford.

No 331

Recd May
Am in

Could tell precisely - but had 2 or 3 weeks
since, with present market in the Treasury of course as
as in his power - will notify when ready to
be made of - and of course, do not accept of
money.

33 June received the signature, will be
ready on Monday 6th June

I am in the County Bank
May 11/ 1853

To Mr. George A. Board
Sir

I will thank you to inform me
by letter when you think the Bank can
procure at the Mint the amount of the Certificate
the Gold No 331 in Silver & New Coin
we desire have \$25,000 in half Dollars
do do do 18,000 in Quarters
do do do 1,729,000 in ten Cent Pieces
do do do 1,000 in five Cent Pieces

Will thank you either to write yourself or request
the Treasurer of the Mint to do so
Yr Obedt Servt

Respectfully
Robt L. Board

W James Smith attended to the delivery of the
Certificate & weighing of 100 boxes of 1000 each
the date of our Certificate is the 11th April 1853
of 45,729,000 please State if possible when
our empty Keys should be at the Mint

Treasury Department
May 12 1853

Sir

Desiring to avail myself of
the experience acquired with the Mint, in
making arrangements for the establish-
ment of the assay office in Australia
and presuming that Mr Patterson can
be more easily spared from the Mint
than yourself, I have to request the
favor of you to ask that gentleman
to come to Washington for the purpose
for a few days.

Very respectfully

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm M Pettibone Esq
Director of the
Mint Philadelphia

No 435

Recd of me
an

THE CITY BANK,

Chicago.

May 24 1853

Thos U S Mint

Dear Sir

On the 18. of
April last we sent to the "U S
Mint Philadelphia" a bag of
silver coin say about \$150 to
purchase new coinage and to be
returned to us in the same way.

Will you let us know whether
it has been rec'd

Yours Very Resp

J D Bradley
Pres.

Minist of the United States,
Philad^a 31 May 1858.

Sir,

It is my painful duty to announce to the Department the decease of the Hon. Thomas M. Pettit, the Director of the Mint.

Judge Pettit died last evening, about 7½ o'clock. He had been confined to his bed for some weeks; but although the dangerous nature of his sickness was clearly known, the suddenness of his demise was wholly unexpected.

I presume that, under the appointment as Acting Director made by him, and approved by the Department, I shall be authorized to perform the ordinary official business of this office until the installation of a new Director.

With great respect,
your obt^d serv^t

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury.

Robert Patterson
Acting Director

Washington 25th May 1853
Treasury Department
May 30. 1853
Sir

Referring to your letter
of the 23. inst. the Department entertains the
hope that you are, by this time, prepared
to supply the various Assistant Treasurers and
Depositaries with at least a small amount of
silver coins. Since the date of the letter
several of the Depositaries have represented to
the Department the absolute necessity of their
being supplied by some means, with small
coins to enable them to make their payments.

I beg to call your attention to the subject
and to request that if it is practicable, you will
forthwith send a small supply to the Treasurers
at Boston, New York, Charleston
St. Louis and to the Depositaries at Baltimore,
Chicago and Savannah, in such manner as
you may deem advisable, until some general
regulations, as required by law, can be established.

I would suggest rather, if the preference given
to individuals who may sell silver to the Mint, to
receive the new coins, is likely to interfere with, or
even to retard the delivery of silver to the Depositories,
it would not be expedient to modify that feature
of the Circular of the Treasurer of the Mint, or
even to revoke it entirely.

I am very Respt

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Robert Patterson Esq
Actg Director of the Mint

the large amount of scrap necessarily accumulated since the first night of the limited escape, and it is not probable that it has decreased by 50,000 lbs.

It is not possible to give a communication of the 27th inst. relative to the disposal made of the scrap at the Mill, than the fact as expressed in the following statement, which has been developed in consequence of the Director's interest, and my own absence from the Mill on public business.

In the various processes of melting, refining, and casting the precious metals, a necessary waste takes place. Some part of the bullion is irretrievably lost, some is inhibited in the pores of the melting pots, or accumulated in the furnaces, or in the dirt upon the floor, or in the ashes. Much is also lost in the various processes of melting, refining, and casting. It is indispensable that all refuse or residues, which may possibly contain traces of precious metal, should be carefully preserved, with a view to their special treatment, in order to extract the bullion washed therein. As this is done the pots, furnace linings, and ashes, etc. are prepared, by quenching, turning, etc. into the state technically called slag, being in fact earth with traces of bullion. Part of the slag is treated by washing and for iron metal that recovered is sold for the effectual recovery of the gold value, a smelting process, with fluxes and in a proper furnace, are indispensable.

The proper smelting of these slags would peculiarly be in the workman, and if the operations are large, an extensive space and apparatus is required. It is quite certain that it would be impossible for us to smelt, within the present Mill

enclosure the large amount of sheep necessarily accumulated since the heavy weight of duties from California. I was in fact not aware that it had ever been the practice to smelt sheep within the limit, although this had doubtless been represented to you, as you state the committee to be that the smelting of the gold-bearing ore was to be an agent for sale in Europe, instead of being purchased, and the gold mined, and most firmly the case, in the limit to my impression ~~that~~ that the practice pursued in the disposal of sheep was such that, in the early days of the limit, the value of this residue was not known or appreciated, as it was known upon the continent with the limit. Subsequently it was shipped to England, to the care of R. H. Bunker & Co. of London, who as agents of the limit disposed of the same in the form of gold and silver being first taken by the commissioning merchant, with a view to determine its portable value, by assay. Occasionally gold sales were made to parties in this country, but the business of smelting sheep was not being very extensively practiced here, and the competition consequently being small, these sales were, I believe, not generally satisfactory. I recollect that Mr. Bunker, while he was collector & agent, made at least one, if not more than one, sale of sheep to a New York smelter, a fact which leads me to suspect that you have misunderstood him as affirming that the smelting was ^{generally} practiced in the limit.

The present practice is to dispose of all our sheep abroad, generally to the Canadian smelters who have the greatest success in the treatment of gold-bearing ore, and are generally assigned to the care and disposal of

of it except W. Tammam, whose business and scientific talent, and integrity of character, are fully appreciated by all who have had the opportunity to become acquainted with him. St. Tammam was for many years a member of the Sabinefa Branch, this branch of which he resigned, after filling it ~~many~~ years to the entire satisfaction of the Director and the Department. When Sir John Lubbock determined to visit Europe, in the year 1880, it was thought a favorable opportunity to secure the best possible disposal of our soap by consigning it to him, instead of to some unknown, perhaps faint-hearted agent. Since that time, accordingly, every shipment of soap has been sent with but one exception, to him. As a result of it he invites the largest competition, and we believe that the prices obtained have been fully several times.

For this Sec. ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} Comm. had, Rensselaer, they
a commission of ~~half~~ ^{one} per cent on the sales, and has
emitted one half the probable value of the drop in
its receipt, the Islander's sale. By a communica-
tion of April 12th in a. from Paris he has been
voluntarily tendered an increase of 100 francs.
viz. he has his commission to 2 1/2 per cent and
offers to advance the money, for the probable val-
ue of the drop. Is it in it, is the point?

Very respectfully

*don. de la gabelle d'Y
de la ville de Paris.*

year 1882. 2. 11.

Robert Ballou

Act: Sincerely,

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia May 1853

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th ult. I have to state that the legal weight of the British Sovereign is 123.2568 grains or about 123½ grains. It should contain $\frac{11}{12}$ ths pure gold. At the legal weight & fineness its equivalent in U.S. gold should be \$4.86.7 But the Sovereign is generally defective in fineness, frequently in weight, so that the average yield of it at the Mint, is but \$4.84.6

Sovereigns are received in payment of debts to the U.S. at \$4.6 cents a piece, weight, which is about equivalent to from \$4.83.5 to \$4.84.5, depending on the weight of the piece.

On all gold, and on Sovereigns, & coins, brought to the Mint for recoinage, $\frac{1}{2}$ percent is now deducted as a coinage charge, and the Mint value is to that extent reduced.

I am not able to refer you to any tables as to the rates at which foreign coin is received for purchase. They may doubtless be found in some of the many Bank Note price currents.

Very respectfully

A. A. Mitchell, Esq.
Caret.

W. M. Venable
Director

Mint of the United States

Philad^a June 1, 1853

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Hon Daniel Stur-
geon, the newly appointed Treasurer of the Mint, has
this day entered upon the performance of his duties. The
count of moneys in the Mint and Assistant Treasury
was made yesterday, in the presence of the retiring and
incoming Treasurer, and in my own, and the correspon-
dence with the balances stated, was exact.

The balances in these offices were as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| In the Mint | \$552,136.56 |
| In the Assistant Treasury | 672,980.64 |
| | <hr/> \$1,225,117.20 |

A great part of the bullion fund of the Government
being in the legal custody of the Mints & Depository and Chief
Coiner, the actual amount of cash in the hands of the Treas-
urer was, as you will perceive, comparatively small.

Very respectfully

your obt^d serv^t

Robert Patterson

Acting Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a 2 June 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 30th ult^o, in which you refer to the necessity of supplying small coins to the Assistant Treasurers & Depositaries, and request me if practicable to send them such, in the manner deemed most advisable. You indicate, also, the propriety of modifying, or even revoking, the preference now given, in our payments of silver coin, to the sellers of silver bullion, supposing it likely to interfere with or retard the desired delivery to the Depositaries.

In reply, I have to state that, under the equitable and strict construction of the terms on which we purchase silver, the Government, as having furnished the first deposit of over half a million, is entitled to a preference, to that extent, over all subsequent sellers. It will not be necessary, therefore, in order to meet the views of the Department, to revoke the existing regulations as to priority. On the contrary those regulations themselves secure all the accommodation you desire.

I have requested the Chief Coiner to reserve from each future delivery of silver a small amount for the use of the Department in remittance to depositaries, and I am in hopes, before long, to meet the most pressing wants of those officers without disappointing the just expectations of the others having claims on the Mint.

The principal difficulty in complying with the wishes of the Department is one in relation to the Treas-

and accountability. Perhaps the general instructions in your letter would operate as this justification in parting with funds in his possession, without specific draft or warrant; but inasmuch as this may be doubtful, I would respectfully suggest that you should the small transfer drafts on the Treasurer of the Mint, in favor of the depository, payable in silver coins from the Mint. Or perhaps the simpler course would be that adopted by the Department in authorizing the remittance of cents to depositories. On that occasion the Treasurer was requested to transmit, from time to time, to certain depositories named, silver coin to the values specified; to be forwarded by Adams & Co., whose receipts should be allowed as a temporary voucher to the Treasurer till replaced by those of the depositories. He was also requested, from time to time, to forward a statement, accompanied by the above vouchers, showing the amounts sent to the several depositories. On the receipt of this statement transfer warrants to cover the amounts were issued, on the Treasurer of the Mint to the order of the several depositories, and these being duly endorsed & returned to the Treasurer, constituted his formal voucher for the diminution of his bullion fund to the extent of his remittances.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Directors instructions to the Supt. at N. Orleans relative to purchases of silver. You will perceive that there was no authority for the delay complained of by Worthing & Co.; but, I suppose, that this took place before the instructions were received, and has since been corrected.

Wm. J. Guthrie
Supt. of the Mint

Respectfully, your obt. servt

Robert Patterson

actg. Director

Farmers and Mechanics Bank.

Easton, June 2 1853

C. C. Dale Esq. Cashier

Dear Sir: From W. S. Wall

Your favor of the _____ with the enclosures,
as stated, came duly to hand.

Please to deliver the Mint check No 789 in
our favour to Messrs Shattuck & Angler
who delivered you the Specie for which
it is for

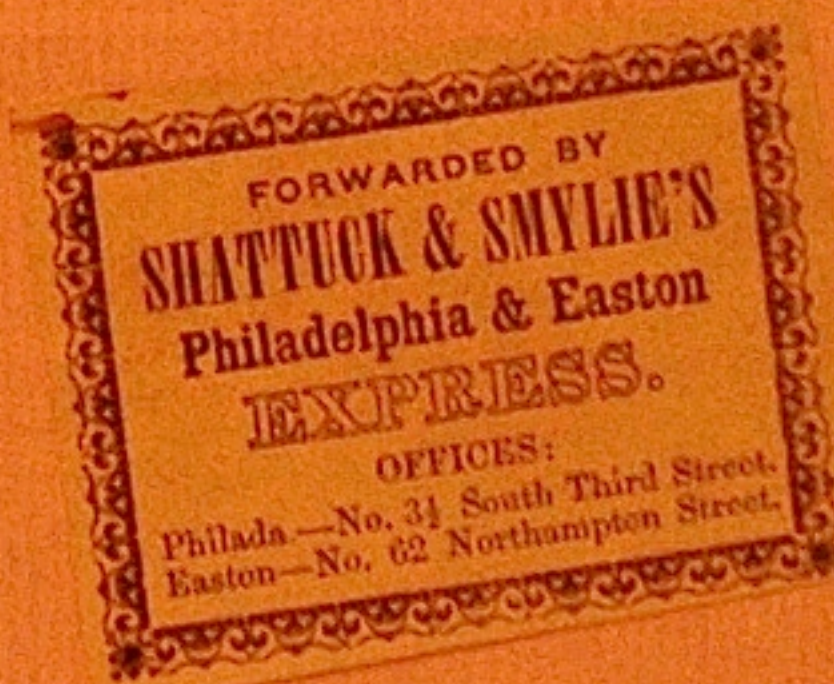
Very respectfully,

W. S. Wall Cashier

June 3. 1853. Recd. of Cash. Shattuck & Angler
Check of the above number for Ninety Six
Hundred Twenty Three 67/100 Dollars.

\$9623.67

Shattuck & Angler



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London June 3. 1853.

E. C. Dale Esq.

Dear Sir

We have herewith
bill of exchange, shipped to you.
D. L. Crocker, being in addition to those
of which we have sent you bill -

We should like to receive
a remittance for the balance, supplied
you previous to the next shipment, at
your convenience -

Yours Very Respectfully

Crocker & Co.

Newark June
an 20

Newark June 4th /53

To the Treasurer of the mint

Dear Sir I send my memorandum
on yesterday and I am very much disappointed
in the yield of my Gold dust and cannot
believe that that there has been some
mistake about it. I enclose the memorandum
and hope you will examine it and send it
on again to Newark N. J. about two years
ago I took some to the mint which in
California was not thought to be worth near
as much as the lot I sent last and it yielded
a great deal more. I could have sold it in
California for seventy forty per ounce and
it has not yielded seventy dollars please
answer this your obedient servant
Michael Hummer

74 Catherine St
New York June 4, 1853

Sir, Herewith please find my
draft for Five Hundred dollars - for
which please send me by return the
amount in pennies

Yours &c
S. D. May

To the President
Mint
Philadelphia

Ans
June 7
1853

Sugar River Bank
Newport N.H. June 4/53

Dear Sir

We shall be in want of some
\$500 to \$1000 in specie say halves, quarters, dimes,
half dimes, & three cent pieces. Will you have
the goodness to advise me, at what rate
you can furnish it, and also if we can
pay you for it in a check on our Bank
at Boston. Please answer for return of
mail and you will much oblige

Your Obedt Servant

Paul J. Wheeler
Cashier

to a very large amount
Since claims on the bank for silver coin, in payment of purchases
of silver bullion, render it impossible to undertake even engagements
for the sale of such coin, at the present time.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia June 15, 1855.

Sir,

I received to day your favor of the
4th inst. It will not be convenient for us to
comply with your request in regard to furnishing
you with silver coin. There are existing claims
on the Mint to a very heavy amount of
silver coin in payment of purchases of
silver bullion. We cannot therefore at the
present time devote the new engagements for
the sale of silver coin.

I am, very Respectfully,
your obedient servant,

Samuel R. Mendenhall

Chief of the Coinage

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

June 8th 1858.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

James R. Seward Secy

Your obedient servant,

Wm. A. R. Seward

Treasurer of the United States.

No 4742 on 9723 for \$300

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Cincinnati Ohio
Jan 8 53
Mr Long Barr Dear Sir
I enclose
please find One Hundred (100) dollars
for which please send me Reg
coppers to Wm Lee Co. Ohio
Yours truly
Chas. A. Hays

Office of the Carony Chemical Works,

No. 58 SOUTH FRONT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia Jan 8 1853

Robert Patterson Esq

W. S. Smith

Sir

Your communication of 3rd
is received & has been under
full consideration

We will agree to furnish
Porting acids of a strength
equal to what we furnish to
the mint here for on board
here at 7 cents per lb & the Carby

all boxed at \$2. & in
such case as we ship to
New Orleans at \$1.50 We
should think the Carboys would
sell for more money than
we charge for them - So being
them back here would be
at expense as cost of them

The Sulphuric acids
we will agree to furnish at
\$1.90 per lb. free on board
here packed in half barrels
or Boxes lined with lead
for which we would charge
what it would cost us to

Make them or have them made
this would be by far preferable
to Glass as a package weighing
250^{lb} would probably cost
less freight than a Carboy
which would contain only 150^{lb}

For your further information
we would state that freight
on a Carboy would be about
\$6.50 each on a half barrel
about \$3. Insurance would
be about 10%. We would of
course expect to attend to all
the business appertaining to
these transactions without

making any charge for our
trouble - We are ready to
enter into contract for 12 months
or longer if you desire

Very obedient Servant
Nicholas Longley

(A.S. Dr. Simon, of Portland
Me, 17th Nov. 1853)
done contract.

done 17/53

Check

done 8/53

Check

Dr. Simon, of Portland

done



Mint of the United States
Philadelphia June 6th 1853

Hon. W. L. Marcy
Secretary of State
Washington City

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 3rd inst
inclosing a commission of that date as Director of the
Mint of the United States

I have this day taken the oath of office before the
Hon. J. R. Kane Judge of the District Court for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania and have entered
upon the duties of the office

I was born in the County of Delaware in the State
of Pennsylvania

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient servant

James Ross Snowden



Mint of the United States
Philadelphia June 6th 1853

Sir:

I have this day entered upon the duties of the
office of Director of the Mint of the United States I
enclose a duplicate of my official oath

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt servant

James Ross Snowden

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City



Duplicate

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern
District of Pennsylvania, the 20th day of June A.D. 1853

I, James Ross Snowden, having been appointed
Director of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
do swear that I will diligently and faithfully perform
the duties of my said office: I furthermore swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States

James Ross Snowden

Subscribed and sworn to by James
Ross Snowden above named, before me
the day and year above written

J. R. Kane
Jf

Clerk of the United States
Philadelphia 6 June 1853.

Sir,

I beg leave, herewith, respectfully to tender my
resignation of the office of Clerk to the Director of
the Mint, to take effect at the earliest time at which
I can be relieved, & if possible during the course of the
present week.

With great respect
Yours very truly
Robert Patterson

Wm. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5, 1860
newspaper clippings
with letter to
Col. J. R. Snowden

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting at the top of the page, possibly a header or address.]

Treasury Department
April 14, 1853

In a letter from the Director of the Mints dated the 23rd April last, he says "With regard to the other topics to which you have called my attention, namely the Regulation of the distribution of silver coins to certain US officers I have to request your indulgence for some time until we shall see some prospect of accumulating a stock of coins applicable to that purpose. At present the parties who have sold silver are entitled to be first paid the debt due to them and I fear it will be several weeks before this is accomplished. Before that time I shall present for your approval the regulations which you require."

It was under the impression produced by the above paragraph that the Department suggested the modification or even revocation of the preference

preference now given to the sales of silver
Bullion to the Mint.

The regulations now having
been got submitted to the Department, in consequence
of the sickness of the late Director, the instructions
in my letter of the 30th ult. to make remittances of
silver coins to several depositories were intended as
only temporary and until some general system should
be submitted and approved, and to which I beg to
call your attention.

It would be pleased, therefore, to
make the remittances in my letter of the 30th (except
to St. Louis if you think it can be made conveniently safe from
New Orleans) in the same manner and under
the same regulations as authorised for the remittances
hitherto of 2 cent coins. And when the statement
accompanied by the vouchers showing the amount trans-
mitted shall be received, the necessary transfer drafts
will be issued. It will be desirable to have the drafts
issued in advance, and you will indicate the amount
on hand subject to distribution that coins will be taken

I am very Respectfully

Yours truly,
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.

E. R. Patterson, Asst.
Secy of the Mint.

Mint of the United States,
Philad: 6 June 1853.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 4th inst,
I have the honor to state that your instructions relative
to the transmission of silver to depositaries 1st
will have due attention, and the same course will be
pursued as was adopted in the distribution of three-

cent pieces under similar circumstances; it will, therefore,
be necessary to draw drafts until after the full amount of silver is received.

The conflict of carriage between the office of the 2^d inst and of April 20th is apparent only. The
silver purchased by the United States was not actually
entered as a deposit in the Mint until after very heavy
amounts had been received from individuals. The latter
had a technical preference in order of payment over
the Government deposit until the debt was satisfied;
which, being now the case, of course the Government
has a preference over all subsequent depositors.

Very respectfully
your obt^d servt.

Samuel R. Snowden.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Sec. of Treasury.

New York 6th Mo. 1853
Dan^l. Sturgeon Esq^r
Eastern Point

The cents advised of
in thy letter of 7th have been rec^d in
good order ~ As we have many
orders for them, these now rec^d will
be disposed of at once & we shall be
glad to receive more as soon
as you can spare them

Respectfully
Wm. H. H.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
June 8th 1852

Sir:

Your Billions account for the Quarter ending
31st March last are received -

Respectfully
Yours at St Louis

J. H. Smith
1st Auditor

To
C. C. Dale Esq
Treasurer of the Mint

Recd 9 June
Ans. do

Easton Bank
June 7. 1853

Dear Sir,

904.

Please send me by Mail a Certificate for the
Silver delivered at the Mint for Comings for Account of
this Bank on the 31st ult.

We hold your Certificate No. 651 dated
10 May. Be good enough to inform me when it will
be payable in Silver coin of the new Emission, & whether
any Portion of it can be received in Half Dollars.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

W. Hackett
Jrk.

Dr G. N. Eckert.

Director U.S. Mint.

Replied to Dr. Sturgison Treas.
for reply. J. R. S. Smith

U. S. Mint, Philad^a June 1893

Sir,

I would recommend a small work entitled
"Coins, Bridges & Shells" by the Assayers of the Mint
as containing, in a tabulated form the information
desired by you, as well as other particulars of interest
to billon dealers. This work may, I believe, be had
of Putnam 155 Broadway, at a moderate price. You
should bear in mind, however, that the values therein
stated are gross values, subject to a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.
for postage imposed by a late act of Congress.

Very respectfully

A. Nettleton

for the Director

E. MORRISON & CO.

Exchange, Banking and Collection Office, 31 William Street, New York.

New York June 9 1852

Pattenbury.

Dear Sir

We are desirous of ob-
taining a reliable table of the
present price at which the various
kind of foreign currencies as well as
our own will melt at & would ask
you where such can be procured
any information that you can afford
us

Respectfully Yours
E. Morrison & Co.

Mint of the United States,
 Philadelphia June 9, 1853.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 30th ult^o and 4th inst, I have directed the Treasurer to furnish silver coins to the appropriate amount. They will be forwarded to day per Messrs Adams & Co^s Express subject to the same regulations which have adopted in regard to the distribution of the 3 cent pieces.

The amount is as follows:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---|---|---|
| Treasurer at Washington | \$5,000 | | | |
| " Boston | 2,000 | " | " | " |
| " New York | 2,000 | " | " | " |
| " Charleston | 1,000 | " | " | " |
| " St. Louis | 1,000 | " | " | " |
| Depositories, Baltimore | 2,000 | " | " | " |
| " Norfolk | 1,000 | " | " | " |
| " Savannah | 1,000 | " | " | " |
| Total | \$14,000 | | | |

This amount is as much as can be provided at present. I will direct the further forward of further sums when the distribution of coins to the amount of the Mint will warrant it. I would be glad to read of any opinion as to the amount necessary to meet the wants of the business of the

above named. Hereafter the office at St. Louis
may be supplied from the Bureau to meet
at New Orleans, to accomplish what I will
give the Superintendent the necessary instructions.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Yours obediently,
James R. K. K. K.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.



Director of Mint, State Bank
Great Barrington, Mass., June 24 1853.

Dear Sir:

I enclose as stated below.

Our Office American Bank \$2000. for which I enclose
in by Adams & Co. \$1500 in Gold and \$500
in Silver. Having & Quoting, as soon as convenient I oblige

Very Respectfully Yours,

Wm. B. Atwood

Dr Sir

The tree box on my pavement at
at the West end of the Mint has been frequently
displaced by Wagons coming ~~out~~ of the Mint yard
running against it. I have had it repaired and
painted very lately. but the same thing occurred
again this morning. will you have the goodness
to have it repaired & and

Oblige yr. Respectfully

Wm Goulton

June 23/58

New York June 22^d 1853

Genl. Hayes Esq -
Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st is received
I have enclosed one bill of lading as requested
and herewith send the remaining two bills of
lading which will be forwarded in a day or two

Yours &c
Wm. Livingston
per Saml. E. M. Felt

53 Broadway

and 200

Capsill Ohio June 21st 1853

Mr J Engle Mesquit near Rio

I expected to a heard from you before this but as nothing has come to hand yet I would say to you to send me the assay or the amount the ass't made which I left in the mint on the 29th of April 1853 who was Six hundred $\frac{7}{16}$ ounces I want to dispose of the coin to some bank and I cant do that to I know the amount it made there fore I will look for an answer as soon as the coin comes to hand direct to Caspall Harrison County Ohio yours truly Ewing Turner

No. 1680-

New York June 20th 1853.
To the Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I am in daily expectation
of the receipt of about 10,000 \$ in Mexican Dollars.
I would be very much obliged, if you will in-
form me what these Dollars would net me if
sent to you & how soon after receipt by you I
will be in receipt of the return.

By so doing

You will much oblige
Your most obedt Servt
Jas O. W. Politz
Wm H. Westervelt

and \$1.21 paid immediately in gold. Silver some minutes required for payment.
Circular enclosed.

New York
Jan 20th 53

Dear Mr. Sturges Esq -
Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th is received
to get the note accepted for pay-
ment - they will be presented
as directed. In reference to the
clearance if you will send
the major & books then will be
no need of your coming to New York
as I will attend to it.

Yours &c
William Livingston
per John L. M. Fitch

Our dear Philadelphia
Treasury Office Jun 20 1853

Sir
Your letter of the 17th inst with trans-
fer Draft has been received.
The Draft endorsed, is en-
closed.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Henry Woods
Surveyor

E & Dale Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Lancaster June 18. 1853.

Dear Mr. Stangen Esq.

Dear Sir

We owe an apology
for not replying to your letter of
the 7th inst. which we duly received,
with check for \$4.427⁰⁰. the same being
in settlement of our bills of plaster, of
19 + 28 apl. + 3 + 10 May -

At your early convenience, we will
thank you to make a further delivery
of \$2000 + \$3000 in cash to Messrs. Mills
& Co. in acct. of our unsettled bills -

Yours
Very Respectfully.

Charles W. D. S. -

Received
and L.

On account Jan. 1853

Dear Sir,

In how small sum,
can we get the new coin
to whom should drafts be made
payable?— how long after
remitting funds before the
coin would be forwarded?

Moore & Chester

To

Director of "U. S. Mint"

Phil^a

Refd to S. Stephen Treas

for answer,

F. R. J.

Director

Ocean Bank
of New York
June 18. 1853

Atale En. to Mr.

London Mr.
Check on Commd Bank of Penn.
\$200. please send the same
Amount in Copper & Corn
as usual

Respectfully
James Stone
car.

Ans. 20
June '53

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's office,
June 17th 1853.

Edward C. Dale Esq
late Treasurer of the Mint
Phila.

Sir

Your Ordinary Expended
account of the Mint, for the 4th quarter of 1852, has
been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$13,629.⁷² found to be due from you to the
United States, instead of \$39,329.15 as stated
by you, making a difference of \$24,300, which
arises by your not having credited in your
account, amount of warrant No 8962, dated
March 28th 1853. for \$24,300.

Very respectfully,
Elisha M. Johnson
Comptroller.

Banking House of Wicks, Otis and Brownell.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 18th 1853.
Dear Sir, of the W. L. Ward
Phil^a Pa.

We inclose for collection and credit,
No. 2131 On Draft on Metropolitan Bk N.Y. - \$100.00
for which you will please forward as "Cash" for by Express
and bill of lading.

Wicks, Otis & Brownell

Please advise us, how and when we can get some three or
five hundred dollars new Silver Coins, quarters, dimes & half
dimes and bill of lading. W. L. B.

Depository Office

Washington June 15th 1835

Sir,

Yours of the 14th is received and I have the pleasure to send herewith receipt in duplicate for the remittance of the amount enclosed in the 10th inst.

The letter quoted by you as having been forwarded to the office on the 9th inst has not been received here and hence the failure to acknowledge in form is on earlier date the receipt of the sum alluded to.

I now understand fully the design of the Department in causing these funds to be transmitted, and shall hereafter amount under the same rule which regulated the remittance of these cert. coin, to be conveyed by Banker drafts as the pleasure of the Department.

I regret that there were no half Dimes sent on as they are the denomination of coins in our mints in need. If you should have occasion to make further transmission of coin to the office I would like it as a favor if you will cause a notice of it to be sent in such denomination.

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.

W. S. Burges Esq
Care of the
Philadelphia

Philip S. Thomas
Depository

No. 2210

Recd 18 June
and 20

Mansfield, Ohio,

June 18, 1853.

J. Engle Rogers, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I write to inquire
the real value of the Gold Bullion, deposited
by me for coinage, on the 28 May 1853, weigh-
ing one hundred and four and 75 hundredths
of ounces. I wish also to inquire by what
means I can obtain its value without go-
ing a sending to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Yours Obedt. Servt.,

Thos. J. Fiddell.

New York June 13th 1853

Sam^l & Mary Ann
Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th is received the
Ship Zurich⁺ is up for clearance on the 24th
of this month & as yet - has - been - without - papers - engaged

Yours &c.
Martin Livingston

Per J. M. & J. M. Folsom

53 Broadway
N.Y.

* W. Beck master

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 27 June 1853.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th enclosing a draft of Two thousand dollars to purchase gold & silver coin to be remitted by Adams & Co. Express.

The usages and regulations of the Mint do not admit of such a transaction as you have proposed, and if they did so there is at present not a sufficient supply of silver coin to meet the outstanding demands of depositors of bullion.

Under these circumstances, I feel constrained to return the draft which you forwarded.

Very respectfully,

your obt^d serv^t

Samuel R. Snowden.

Director

Wm Postwick Esq. Cash.
Great Barrington,
Mass.

Mint of the United States
Philad: 27 June 1853

Sir,

I find that your letter of the 19th of April last, to my predecessor, Judge Pettit, was only partially answered on the 20th of the same month. I have called the attention of Mr. Denner, the Engraver, to the subject of preparing designs for the three dollar gold piece. He is now engaged upon them, and when finished I will send them to you. I may also add that experiments will be prosecuted, without unnecessary delay, having in view the improvement in the form of the gold dollar, as heretofore suggested by the Department. The great pressure upon the Mint has prevented a more early attention to the matter.

I take occasion to acknowledge your communication of the 24th in relation to the subject of Silver coins, & the Mint prices for silver. This subject is engaging my earnest attention, and I hope to be able to reply to you soon.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully,
your obedient servant

Samuel R. Snowden
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie }
Secy of the Treas. }

Philadelphia, 22 June 1873.
Minister of the United States,
Philadelphia, 22 June 1873.

In a letter from the Department of the 14th of April the desire was expressed that we should extend, as far as possible, our exchanges of gold coins for silver bullion to be converted under the late law, and an additional transfer to our bullion fund and offered, if it could be made available for that object. In the reply, given this day, it was stated that our means were then deficient for all the purposes of the law, and that in the purchase of silver bullion, under the discharge of gold deposits, but that should future circumstances render an increase desirable the Department would be promptly notified.

I have now to state that, by reason of the continued demand for silver bullion funds, both for purchases of silver and for payment of gold deposits, it had become inadequate to the requirements of the Treasury, and that an additional transfer to that fund is necessary to enable the Mint to continue prompt payments. The following facts, exhibiting our transactions in relation to the purchases of silver, will significantly explain the encroachments upon the gold coin and silver in circulation funds, and the consequent necessity for an increase.

The total value of the silver purchased by the Mint, from April 1st to this date, is \$4,728,577. Of this amount, \$4,577,000. has been paid for in

new silver coin \$4,834,418 in gold coin, and the balance unpaid (and uncalled for) is \$1,329,117. From this it appears that \$4,834,418 of our gold coin have been expended in the purchase of a like amount of silver bullion at present unavailable for payment.

In consequence of these heavy deposits of gold coin, and for some time past, received at the Mint, our gold bullion fund, though abundant, was by no means excessive, to meet the current payments for deposits, and to supply the operations of the office with a stock to keep them in action and prevent the gold from being hoarded. Since the silver bill, and the purchases consequent thereon, the Department has nominally increased its fund by \$1,329,117, but of this amount \$1,329,117 being in silver bullion, and unavailable for payment, it follows that the increase applicable to purchases has been but \$700,000. We have actually expended, as appears by the above statement, \$4,834,418, from which deduct the \$700,000 lately furnished by the Department, and it is evident that our bullion fund applicable to payment of gold deposits, is \$4,134,418, less than it was anterior to the passage of the silver bill. These explanations are made to show that the increase in our bullion fund, which fund it is necessary to ask for, is due to unavoidable government charges, and not to any lack of energy and activity in the operations of the Mint. With regard to the amount of transfers alleged to be required by the Treasury, I have to present

the following facts as the basis of a slight judi-
ment.

From the newspaper reports, it appears that over
\$2000,000 of gold may be daily expected at the Mint
from California. To pay for this amount, there will
be probably available, based to the value of \$1,000,000
less of which will be required by the Depositors, and
only the amount of \$600,000. Leaving out of consideration
the demands on our Treasury for other public
charges, and for outstanding gold deposits, it appears
probably that an additional \$500,000 to the Bullion fund if
at least \$500,000 in gold coin will be necessary to en-
able the Treasury to make prompt payment of the
daily and weekly deposits of gold & silver. But taking
into the contingencies of the future, and the necessity
of continuing the purchases of silver, I recommend
that at least \$500,000 be, without unnecessary delay,
transferred to the Mint Treasury by order of the de-
partment. The whole of this may, perhaps, be
conveniently spared from the Mint Treasury
Reports. If not, it is hoped that at least a consid-
erable part of the amount will be drawn on that
office, as otherwise an inconvenient delay may
be experienced in replenishing the Bullion fund
to meet impending demands.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obedient servant,
James A. B. H. H. H.
Director.

Offices
London 17 & 18 Cornhill
Liverpool 4 Commercial Road
Boston 84 Washington St.
Philadelphia 116 Chestnut St.
Baltimore 162 Baltimore St.
New York 4 Rue Lafayette, Cour du Commerce

Transatlantic Express & Shipping Agency.

New York June 29 1853

35 Broadway

To the
United States Assay Office
Sir

There has been received at
the Custom House consigned to us a Box
containing an assay Balance intended for your
use. It was delivered to our house in London
by Jos. W. Farnum Esq. with instructions that
no duty should be paid on it, nor the package
opened on any account until delivered to you,
and if any difficulty occurred we were to write
to you. We have made application to the
Collector who refuses to deliver the Box without
an order from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Will you please to procure the necessary order
and forward it to us and we will see to
its being forwarded to you. It is addressed

"United States Mint
Assay Office" Mr. Bache.
and consigned to Edwards Sanford & Co. New York.

Yours very respectfully
Edwards Sanford & Co.
Mr. W. H. P. Pillow

Treasury Department
June 29. 1853.

Sir

The Depository at Pittsburg
states in a letter to the Department that the
scarcity of small change is severely felt there
and requests that \$500 of the new issue of
silver may be sent to him halves quarters dimes
and half dimes. I will thank you to supply
the amount in such portion of it as you can
in such coins as you may have on hand.

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

P. Stearns Esq
Treasury of the Mint.

St Louis \$200 1/2

Watertown Conn June 27th 1853

The Director of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Having been experimenting for some years for the purpose of hardening large pieces of Cast-iron for making rolls for rolling gold, silver &c and having succeeded in making them very hard without cracking we thought it would be to our mutual advantage for us to inform you that we can make Cast-iron rolls of any size and length and harden them as hard as steel can be made, and grind them in perfect order, and warrant them to be better in every respect than any ever before made in this or any other country. We are aware that we are saying much, very much but we are prepared to prove what we state - We now have in our shop, one pair rolls 12 inches length of face and 6 inches diameter which are perfect in every respect and are sold to the Scovill Mfg Co of this place to roll

silver for Danganotype plate. We also have
another pair 10 inch length of face and 8 inches
diameter which are also perfect. We should
like to make a pair of casted rolls for
the U. S. Mint and warrant them to work
to your perfect satisfaction. By calling
at our shop in Watubury Conn you can
see the ^{large} rolls we have made. We have made
over 100 pair of Jewellers rolls and they are
now in use in various parts of the U. S.
and give perfect satisfaction. We should
be pleased to hear from you in regard to
a pair of rolls for the Mint whether you
would be willing to try a pair or not

Yours very truly &c

Blake & Johnson

Watubury
Conn

Sturtevant Dec 21. 1873
Dan. Sturgeon
Dear Friend

Thine 29. is rec^d
the 25 Cash. enc. adms of an
Actn Rec^d.

Respectfully
Wm. H. H. H.

Minist of the United States

Chilod 28 June 1853

Sir,

I nominate Mr. Henry B. Linderman, of Carbon
County, Penn., as Clerk to the Director, in place of
Mr. Robert Patterson resigned, and respectfully request
that you will procure the President's approval of the
same, pursuant to the 3d section of the act of March 3,
1851 relating to the Mint.

I have the honor to be

with the highest respect

your obedt. servt

Hon. Jas. Guthrie }
Secy of the Treasury }
Washington. }

James B. Linderman
Director

Chief of the United States
New York

213

There is now at the Custom House in New York a box
containing an assay balance for the use of the United States
Customs and also a box containing a box of assay
weights for the use of the Custom House in New York. These articles were
procured for the use of the Custom House by order of the
Director of the Custom House and you are requested to instruct the
Collector of Customs at the above cities to permit such articles to be
delivered to the Custom House without opening the boxes.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Goldwin
Chief of the Custom House

Samuel R. S. S. S.
Director

United States Treasury Department

July 2 1853

Sir

I have received your letter of the 28th ultimo, upon the subject of the silver coinage. The scale of prices proposed is doubtless proper under the circumstances, and there is no objection, therefore, to your, at once, giving it publicity; but the silver attracted by the former tariff, was not needed for the public service, whilst the purchase served as a great relief to the money market by putting so much gold into circulation.

In respect to the proposed circular, I will thank you to

receive a right to retain 20/100 of
of the earnings at both solicitors
and the further option at their
disposal of paying or drafts
on their bank

I am very respectfully

Yours truly
James Watson
Solicitor of the Admiralty

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Admiralty

Whitehall

Treasury Department

July 5 1863

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States requires for change about 20000 of in gold dollars and 75000 in silver of the new coinage. Can you supply him in whole, or in part, & to what extent?

Sincerely,

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treas.

J. L. Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint
Philadelphia

True or

Treasury Department
July 22^d 1858
Sir
I am in the receipt of
your letter dated the 20th ult., asking
that the Bullion Fund of the Mint may be
increased to the amount of \$500,000.
It is believed that the whole
amount cannot be well spared from the treas-
ury at Philadelphia - but in order to place
you in funds without delay, & to avoid the
expense & risk of transporting specie from
New York, the Treasurer has been request-
ed to issue a transfer draft in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint on the Assistant Treas-
urer at New York for \$500,000. - This
Draft you can transmit to the Assistant
Treasurer at New York with a request that
in lieu of sending the specie to Philadel-
phia, he will take up such Mint Certifi-
cates as may be designated by the Treas-
urer of the Mint, until the whole amount
of the Draft be absorbed. - When that is

accomplished, the Draft will be entered
up as paid, and be returned, and the
Mint's Certificate redeemed be returned
to the Treasurer of the Mint.

The Assistant Treasurer
at New York will be advised of this
arrangement — and it is presumed there
can be no objection to its being carried
out, either on his part, or that of the Treas-
urer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. R. R.

Assistant Treasurer

of the Treasury

Jas. Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
July 2^d 1858.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult.
I have to inform you, that the Collectors at
New York and Philadelphia, have been
instructed to admit to free entry the articles
intended for the use of the U. S. Mint at
Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Serv.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq,
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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London July 2. 1853.

D. W. Stearn Esq.

Dear Sir,

Sir,

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 30th ult. enclosing
check on New York, for \$947.²⁰
being the balance due to us on our
bill of Cotton Planchet, 27th May last.

We are

Sir,

Yours

Very Respectfully.

Geo. W. Stearn.

Treasury Department
July 1. 1872.

Sir,

The Treasury has this day been
requested to give a loan of \$200,000
in the Treasury of the Mint for \$200,000.
The Treasury is desirous to have the amount
in the following description of coins - and I
will throw you to accommodate him as far
as it may be in your power to do so. - viz:

Silver Change \$10,000 - Half Dollars \$10,000 - Gold
Dollar \$2,000 - Quarter Eagles \$2,000 - Half Eagles \$2,000 -
Eagles \$2,000 -

I am very Respectfully
Yours Truly
Sec. of the Treasury.

~~Wm. D. Stanger~~

Wm. D. Stanger Esq.
Dr. Manti.

140
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40

420

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 5 July 1853.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 2^d inst., in relation to the proposed tariff on silver coin.

Your suggestion that a right to retain 25 per cent of the coinage in silver, at both Mints, should be reserved, appears a highly proper one, and a clause to that effect will be embodied in the proposed circular.

With regard to the limitation you propose, in the purchases at New Orleans, that drafts on New York may be substituted for cash, when desirable, I should be glad, before giving any instructions to that Mint, to learn in what way you propose that such drafts should be issued. If a separate Treasury draft had to issue for each purchase, this will give rise to much trouble & delay and no doubt prove very unsatisfactory; yet I do not see how otherwise the transaction is to be managed. If a credit could be opened, at New York, in favor of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, allowing him to draw his checks for any part thereof, the matter would be much simplified. I shall be obliged to you for some information on this point, at your convenience.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
your obt^d serv^t
Hon. Jas. Guthrie & Co. James Ross Snowden,
S. C. of Treas'y. Director.

Treasury Department
July 5. 1863.

Sir

Your nomination of Mr.
W. D. Linderman as a Clerk to the Directors
of the Mint has been submitted to and
approved by the President.

I am very Resp^d
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury

J. Rags Snowden C^y
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

JOHN W. BURKE

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Recd July
and 8

ARTHUR HERBERT

Banking and Exchange Office,

OF
BURKE & HERBERT.

Alexandria, Va. July 8 1853

To the Treasurer
of the Mint Philadelphia

On the 20th of April
last we sent for Adams & Co Express a Bag marked
\$700.⁰⁰ all the was silver with the exception of
some 25 or thirty dollars. We think we do not
recollect but two pieces of Gold one an old 8th pair
worth about 5.³⁰ & the other a North Carolina Gold
Piece marked 5th. We think there was a piece or two
more a Spanish Doubloon however we presume
you will recollect precisely, or who ever counted the
money as they of course separated the silver from
the Gold. You returned us in New Coin \$700.⁰⁰
premium & all included we expected by waiting
for our Coin that the Mint would pay us
full premium. (The law we believe provides for a
deduction of Value of 8 per cent.) only taking
out its charge for Coining. Please explain
as we are sure there is some mistake. We
wrote to Mr. Davis of the Mint & he says all he
had to do was to receive & deliver & he knows nothing
more. Your early attention to this will much
oblige Yours respectfully
Burke & Herbert

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 5 July 1853

Gent,

I am advised by the Secretary of the
Treasury that the Collector of the Port at
New York has been instructed to admit to
free entry the articles intended for this Mint.
I will thank you, therefore, to renew your ap-
plication for the same, and to forward them,
when delivered, with every care, unopened.

very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

James R. Thompson.
Director

Messrs. Edwards, Sanford & Co.
New York.

Mint of the United States.
Philad? July 6. 1853.

Sir.

I have your favor of the 5th inst.
We can furnish the Treasurer of the United
States with the Coin requested. You will
please cause a draft to be ^{be} issued in his
favor on the Assistant Treasurer at Phil?
and the presentation of which properly
endorsed the amount will be forwarded
per Messrs Adams & Co. Express.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your O^bd^t servant,

James R. Thompson
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

To the Director of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia

Sir!

I am in want of authentic information
on the following questions

1. What is the exact amount or weight of pure silver
contained in the coins of the U. S. as made now
and what was it before the last alterations introduced?
It may be stated in penny weight or grains Troy,
or in french grammes.
2. How many grains pure gold is now contained in
the Unit Dollar (or in 5. Dolls) and how many
were it before the last alterations?

You will much oblige me by assisting me with
an answer in the purpose for which I want especially
the knowledge of the ^{value of the} actual coinage, which is to
establish exchange arbitration tables and revision
of the Paris with the Continent of Europe.

Hoping that my direct application will
be excused I am most respectfully

Your obt. servt

Geo. A. Scherpf.

N York. 8 July 1853

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| 25.8 | |
| 23.22 | |
| 412.1 | 192 |
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Treasury Department
July 4 1858

Sir

Mr Albert Stuart of Philadelphia has been strongly recommended for appointment as engraver of the Mint. Will you do me the favor to make inquiry of persons of judgment and information upon the subject, and advise me touching his qualifications and getnefs. My wish is to have the office filled by an artist of decided taste and skill.

Samuel P. Smith
James G. Thompson
Secy of the Treasury

J R Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint
Phila

Treasury US
6 July 1853

Sir,

I have this day issued Transfer
draft No 374 on you, in my favor for \$200,000, & assigned
the same to J. D. Coleman, Esq.

Very respectfully
Yours obedient servant
Sam. Casey
Treas. US

Treasurer US Mint
Philad^a

Bank of Portland (N)
July 6th 1853

Treasurer M. S. Minch
S. M.

I enclose the Metropolitan
Bank of N. Y., for which please send me a
bag of cents, via N. Y.

If I make a deposit in gold in
the bank how long before I can get the
new silver coin for it? I would deposit
silver if I had it on hand.

Respectfully
J. B. Page

Ans
9 July 53

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 8 July 1853.

Sir,

I have received your communication of yesterday,
and in reply I have to inform you that I shall insti-
tute the inquiries you request into the qualifications of
Mr. Albert Stuart for the office of Engraver ^{Chief} of the Mint.

Permit me to mention, however, that I shall at an
early day address the Department with the expression
of some views, which I deem important, in regard to a
re-organization of the Engraving Department of the Mint,
and I have to request that no change of officers be made,
until these views have been presented.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your obed^t. serv^t.

Wm. F. Guthrie
Chief of the Mint
Philadelphia

James R. Snowden,
Secretary

Mint of the United States

Philad: 1 July 1853

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to make the following statements.

The Dollar of Gold contains $23\frac{22}{100}$ grains ^{pure gold} troy, the larger gold coins in proportion. The late changes of law have not affected the weights of the gold coins.

The Dollar of Silver contains $371\frac{25}{100}$ grains troy of pure silver, being the same amount which it has contained by law since the foundation of our coinage system.

The half-dollar of silver contains $172\frac{50}{100}$ grains troy of pure silver, and all the smaller silver coins have a proportionate weight. The law establishing these weights passed 21 Feb. 1853, anterior to which the small silver coins were made of a weight proportioned to that of the silver dollar as above stated.

~~All our coins, both gold and silver, contain pure metal and 1 part alloy.~~
The Dollar of Silver being, practically, no longer a coin of circulation, and the half-dollar, of fractions being legal tender for only five dollars, you would, I think, commit an error in basing a computation of the par of exchange ~~to~~ with other countries by a comparison with our silver coins. Gold is practically our only standard, and is the true object for comparison in estimating the par with other countries.

Very respectfully yours

Geo. A. Scherff, Esq.
New York.

James Pope Howard,
Director

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No. 14

Laurelton 29/12-1833.

Dear Stephen Esq.

Dear Sir.

Sir.

We have received
your letter of the 8th inst.
and am sorry, till 9 keps plan. is
omitted to be sent at the proper time.

Very an. y.

Respectfully

Geo. R. R. R.

170 Baltimore Street,
 Collections made on all parts of the Colon-Foreign Gold and Silver bought-Three Pairs new black-Black's bought and sold on Commission-Land Warrants bought and S.O.M.-Money received on Order

Dr. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint Phila
Pa.

Yours Respt
Greenway & Co

Recd. & ansd. 14 July

Cleveland July 11th 1853

El. Dall Esq. Sir

The last time we advised
Ave from you, you wrote us that you could
not send any more, where Drafts were sent to you
for them. We did not understand this to include Cents. We
now write to ascertain whether we can get them by
sending a Draft as heretofore (on A/V) Please ^{write} on what
terms, or how, we can get Coin, & whether we can
get all sizes. We are sorry to trouble you again,
but if you will inform us you will very much
Oblige

Truly Yours

J S Pecknutt & Co

Rochester City Bank,

Rochester, July 11, 1853.

To

The Treas. U.S. Mint, Esq. Cashier,

Phila.

Sir:

I have received with

enclosure, your favor of the

and now forward ~~for collection~~

our dft on Am. Ex

Bank New York for

\$250.

For which please forward us cents \$100.

+ 3 cent piece & other small coin

150.

Yours obt. servt

Wm. H. Rochester

Pres.

If you cannot spare so much before you
may send a larger portion in cents

Recd. & ansd. 13th July

K. H. FELL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND
LAND AGENT,
Bloomington, McLean County, Ill.

Bloomington July 11th 1853

W. L. Hunt Phil^a

Gentlemen

I wish to procure some
specie for change. Gold, Silver & Copper - Please
to advise me on what terms I can procure
a supply and when - We are frequently greatly
in need of change and can only obtain it by
paying a high per cent -

Very Respectfully

K. H. Fell

Rec^d + Ans^d. July 16.

Augusta ^{Recd 16 by} ^{Ans 20}
Maine ^{July 11,} 1853

To The Managers of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia or to whom it may concern
your memorandum of Gold bullion deposited at the
Mint of the United States at Philadelphia the 10th day
of June 1853 by George Dean for Paul Brown of
39 or 75 dec the net value you make 655 dollar 58/00
which is a fraction less than 16 dollar 50/00 per oz
out of the claim which this was taken for the past
15 months there has ben over twenty thousands dollar
taken out and a large proportion of this has ben
assayed at San. Francisco Cal in lots varying from 500
to two thousands dollar and those lots have averaged
17 dollar 54/00 per oz this lot you received I could sold
where it was dug in the mines for 17 dollar 30/00 per oz for
United States coin this Gold was all procured in the same
way and sold with a like and there was but a few
cents variation in those lots assayed in California and
this lot you received I do believe if it had ben honestly
and fairly sold with would have averaged above those
lots assayed in Cal there is a wrong existing some
where and you will confer a favour by letting me
know where it exists

Direct to ~~Augusta~~ Augusta Maine
R D Dunning
for Treasurer of the Mint

Yours in St. L & D Paul Brown

2343 - 4 3697 - 4940 3975 - 3350

No. 1 and 2. 140 1/2

THE CITY BANK,

Chicago, April 9th 1857.

Dear Sir,

Received

On the 18th April last
we remitted to you by Express a package of
silver coin, with a request that you
would return us new coins for the
same. As we have not heard from
it since then I should be glad, to have
you inform us if it has been yet returned
to us; or if not, - when will it be?

Yours Truly,

Wm. L. Smith

Will be due the early part
of next week.

Recd 14 July. Received 100 mts. - great part of business done
last year, but all the rest of year, at least, will be done.

New York, July 16. 1853

To the Treasurer
of the U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia
Pa.

We had occasion to ad-
dress you on 12th inst, requesting the favor
of being furnished with copies of Mint Ce-
tificates of value, for treasure forwarded
to the Mint by Joseph Delaney, Berlin
N. Jersey on the 24th June 1852, & the 3rd &
4th July same year.

Not receiving a reply, we do not know
whether to attribute it, to misarrangement
of our letters, or unwillingness to send them to
us. If the latter is the reason, please
forward them to Joseph Delaney, Berlin,
N. Jersey of this city and much obliged.

Very respectfully
Thompson & Widdell

J. S. Widdell

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK.

New-York, July 15th 1853

Dear Mr. Mayes Esq.
Treasury of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favor of
5th Inst. came duly to hand with stated inclosure.
Aft. on. Aft. Treasurer \$ 14,291.70 being proceeds
of California Gold Dust forwarded for Coinage, which
is very satisfactory.

I regret the omission to acknowledge
this more promptly, but it was overlooked.

Yours truly,
C. A. Mayes
Cash.

New York Aug 14th 1833

To the Treasurer of the Ward of the
New York State, at Philadelphia

Enclosed find
Receipt for eight hundred & twenty Six Dollars
as soon as assayed please send me the
check on Sub Treasurer here

Yours &c
C. W. Thomas
1027 Pearl St

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor Office,
July 13th 1853.

Sir:

Your account, as Agent, for Paying Pensions
at Philadelphia, Pa, for the 1st q^r. 1853, and part 2^d q^r,
to 31st May 1853, has this day been audited and
reported for decision to the Second Comptroller of
the Treasury, of the result of which, you will
be duly notified.

Very respectfully, Sir.

Yours obt. Serv^t.

F. Berck
Auditor.

E. C. Dale, Esq.
Pension Agent,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

New York, July 12, 1853.

To the Trust

W. Elliot Phil^a

Sir -

Will you have the kind-
ness to cause a duplicate certificate of
value ^{to be made} of treasure sent to the Elliot by us,
on 21 June 1852, as per memorandum
enclosed, which is a copy of one sent at
the time the Gold was forwarded.

I shall be obliged, in recy the cer-
tificate as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully
Yrs. obdt.

Thompson & Whitcomb

93 Cedar Street

4561 - June 22/52

694.45
694.30

Mem. No. 4561 sent 16 July

New York, July 12. 1853
To the Treas^r U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dr Sir -

We had occasion to trouble
you yesterday with a communication,
asking for a copy of a Mint Certificate of
value. Will you please furnish
us with copies of the certificates of value
for the following lots of the same sent to
U. S. Mint by Messrs DeLamater & Co
Clarke & Co

July 3rd 1852. 9 Bars Gold 1087.60 Oz.

July 30. " 3 " " 1 kg " 578.90 "

The dates given, are those when the gold
was sent from N.Y. Your attention
will oblige

Yours truly
Thompson & Hittich

See Memo. No. 4868 & 5371 July 16.

Recd 12 July
and acc'd by Mr. Harrison

Franklin Bank of Zanesville
Zanesville 12 July 1853

U. S. Mint,

On the 9th day of May last I forwarded by
"Express" a Box of coin directed "From Franklin Bank of
Zanesville. - United States Mint, Philadelphia" - and
in the Box on the coin was a letter of which the following is
a copy. Viz:

"Franklin Bank of Zanesville
9 May 1853

U. S. Mint - The accompanying box of coin belonging
to the Franklin Bank of Zanesville, Ohio,
1074 pieces 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ts
1 " Mexican dollar
220 Smooth $\frac{1}{4}$ dolls.

"For which we want new silver coin. If coined some
of each kind, Viz: 1/2's 1/4's dimes & 1/2 dimes. If not
coined such as you may have on hand, to be delivered
to the American Express Co. for us. (sign'd) Geo. Peters Cashr.

We have heard nothing of this box since it left here.
Will you be so good as to advise me whether it has been
received or not. If received, it is time (2 months having
elapsed since I sent it) that I had received new coin
in exchange, without the advice I have received in refer-
-ence to the condition of the mint, is incorrect.

Respt. Yours.

Geo. Peters, Cashr.

No. 100. 100.

Farmers Bank Montreal
July 12. 1853

To
United States Mint
Philadelphia }

On the 29th April we forwarded
from this Bank 1400 dolls. in silver for exchange
stating denominations &c. Will you say whether
it has been rec^d. & also if the order for silver &c. has
been delayed the return. if so we are disposed to emit
them & would thank you (if possible) to let us what the
prospects of return are. If the delay is usual we
are perfectly satisfied.

Yours respectfully to
W. Holmes
for Bodwell & Co.

say in six weeks

New York
July 12th 1855

Sam^l Sturges
Messrs Secant

Enclosed please find
bill of lading on cargo of the above
shipped by ship Zonia for New
York by giving this your earliest attention you
will oblige
Yours &c
Wm^l Sturges
Per Mr^l W. F. M.

for Jas. Daley - to be p^d. to M. L.
\$44.87 sent to M. L. for Jas. Daley, by Adams
Co. - 13 July. G. F. D.

Sir

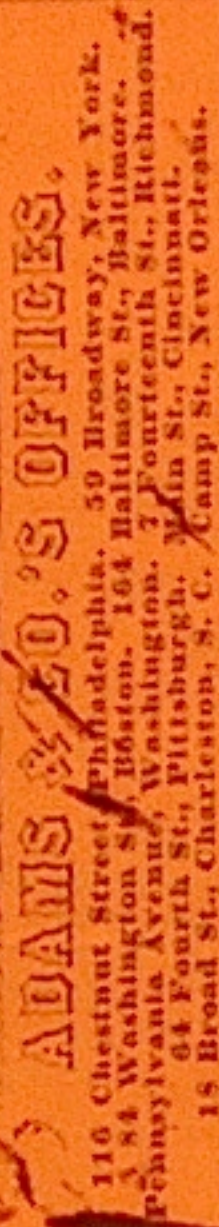
your will oblige me
to let me know the
amount of specie my
gold 454.16 has produced
which I have deposited
on the 7th of July last
yours very respectfully

Chas. D. Smith

N.Y. July 19 1853.

418 Broadway
N.Y.

Ans^d. by sending memorandum
July 21 1853.



ADAMS & CO.'S OFFICES.

110 Chestnut Street Philadelphia. 59 Broadway, New York.
3 84 Washington St. Boston. 164 Baltimore St., Baltimore.
Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington. 7 Fourteenth St., Richmond.
64 Fourth St., Pittsburgh. Main St., Cincinnati.
18 Broad St., Charleston, S. C. Camp St., New Orleans.

ALVIN ADAMS, W. B. DINSMORE, E. S. SINIFORD, AND S. M. SHOENMAKER.

Philadelphia, Aug 19 1853

RECEIVED from U S Mint

1891

said to contain

Marked

Wm I Gustave

which we agree to forward to

Brach

only.

and deliver to _____

Agent,

We not holding ourselves responsible for loss or damage of any package beyond the value of Fifty Dollars, unless otherwise herein stated, and insured by mutual agreement.

For the Proprietors,

W. Hall

Celso & Markley, Printers, Goldsmiths Hall, Library Street.

Willdale Mich
July 18th 1853.

Wm H. Hunt
Philadelphia, Penn
N. H.

Will you
please inform me the
amount of California Gold
deposited by Levi Clark
to exchange for coin -
on or about the first day
of June last.

Yrs Resp^t
William Walden

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia July 19. 1853.

Sir,

Without absolutely negating the ability of Mr. Albert Stewart for the office of Engraver of the Mint, I am constrained to say that the evidences before me do not exhibit such artistic skill and experience as our Coinage needs, or such as would satisfy the just expectations of the Department and the public.

As I have full knowledge of your desire to improve the coinage, in which I most cordially concur, I embrace this occasion to present some suggestions on that subject, and in doing so I shall relieve myself from the appearance of preclosing the claims of Mr. Stewart and the recommendations of his friends.

The Department is well acquainted with the clause in the laws of the last Session of Congress which empowers the Director, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to engage the services of artists

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in preparing devices and original dies for the Silver Coins, authorized by the Act of March 3, 1851, Sect. 4th and perhaps, the same provision may be considered applicable to the three dollar Gold Coin authorized by the Act of 21st Feb. 1853. Whatever may be the determination of government in selection of the change of incumbency in the Office of Engraver of the Mint, I am satisfied that these enactments afford the best and readiest means of attaining the desired improvements. With the requisite permission from yourself, I shall at once make application to Engravers in this Country to furnish designs on paper for the obverse and reverse of the Silver series and the three dollar gold coin. These designs having been examined and compared both here and at the Department, and a preference expressed, I shall then give the Artists an opportunity, with promise of sufficient remuneration to execute a pair of dies, say of half dollar dies, from the design selected. When these are returned to us, we shall be in a position to do

justice to the coinage, so far as the state of art in our country will allow, and the government will be able to decide who is best qualified to hold the permanent office of Engraver, and we can then proceed to improve the entire series of Silver and Gold Coinage. There are several artists in this country of whose high reputation in this line I have some knowledge. Among these I may mention Mr A. N. Mitchell of Boston Mr E. C. Wright of New York and Mr S. B. Welsh of Philadelphia I send you per Messrs Adams & Co's Express two medals executed by Mr Mitchell and one executed by Mr Wright. The larger military medals which grew out of the Mexican War were executed by the last named gentleman and have been generally admired. These gentlemen and others would be competitors, and I should give a like opportunity to Mr Stewart, and to Mr Longore the present Engraver, and such others as may occur to me or be suggested by yourself and others. This plan of competition is sustained by the Act of Congress and we have the example of France and England, where the best work is procured by similar means. You will observe that this proceeding goes no further than to obtain "original dies"; the working dies which last out a few days are produced from the originals by a process chiefly mechanical and only require to be touched up and dated by a resident engraver who may or may not be at the head of his profession.

It seems proper, in the event of the adoption of the plan proposed, to enquire whether it would meet your views to leave the designs to the fancy and judgment of the artist

(over)

or whether some general leading directions should be prescribed. It is not easy to determine what should be the appropriate devices for a Republican Coin. There is certainly much dissatisfaction with those hitherto in use, but present adoption is not feasible because they have become state and monotonous, or are really unprofitable. A woman's head or a half-headed

final figure
in a public library
more "Liberty"
half and the other
is true may be
The English also is
American or British
played as a
and American and
but which it is better
a difficult subject to
to be considered whether
in view of its giving a
The figure of Liberty
head of a slave or
very much used and
Greek emblem of Liberty
without a female
there is any necessity
selecting for emblem of
I should endeavor to
expression of our national
The difficulty is in the
which beauty and power
suitable for a coin
the head of Washington
These people have told
there is no one who
there is no one who